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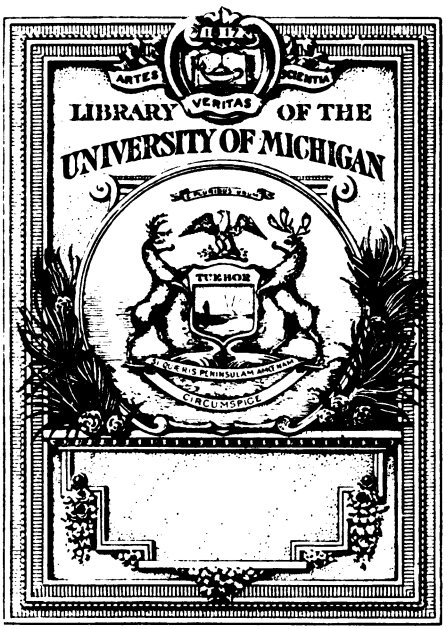
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INTRODUCTION.

THE papers published by Mr. Rye are primarily of local interest. They show how Norfolk was governed in the early part of the reign of Charles I., and who the gentlemen were who took the chief part in the management of county business. They show also the relative populousness and wealth of the different portions of the county, and their relative contributions towards local and imperial burdens.

The documents fall into two classes. Some of them are commissions, orders, proclamations, and instructions issued by the King and his council to the local authorities. Copies of most of them are to be found in the records of other counties, though few of them have been hitherto printed in full. These documents throw some interesting sidelights on the foreign and domestic policy of Charles I., as for instance the letter to the justices of the peace in 1626 setting forth the King's case against the Parliament which he had just dissolved (p. 21), and those explaining the necessity of sending help to the King of Denmark (pp. 36, 55), and the necessity of relieving Rochelle and Stade (p. 118).

Similar letters, *mutatis mutandis*, were addressed to the authorities in Essex and elsewhere, for it was through these communications to the justices and deputy lieutenants that the King put before the country the case of the Government against the Opposition.

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The answers of the local authorities, which constitute the second class of documents, are therefore the more important part of this collection, since they are not duplicated elsewhere, and they form much the larger part of it.

There is little evidence of opposition to the Government in Norfolk, surprisingly little considering the part the county subsequently played in the Civil War. Sir John Hobart, however, was complained of by the other deputy lieutenants, because he publicly condemned abuses in the impressment of soldiers (p. 102). In 1626 the same authorities complain of the backwardness of the county to contribute to the benevolence the King endeavoured to levy, and of "the strange conceits" which that demand "hath put into the heads of the generality of the people" (p. 29). Slackness to obey, resulting from disaffection, was evidently the ordinary form which opposition to the King's policy took, and one of its manifestations was the desertion of the soldiers and mariners levied in the county (p. 63).

The chief business of the county authorities between 1626 and 1629 was "the settling of a perfect militia," as the King phrased it, "considering militia well ordered to be the sure and constant bulwark and strength of this kingdom" (pp. 7, 9). To enforce the instructions as to armament and musters was the chief task of the deputy lieutenants, and they did it with a good deal of energy. In 1626 the forces of the county, armed and to a small extent trained, amounted to about 5000 men, of whom not many more than 400 were mounted. The figures for the years 1626, 1627, and 1628, are printed in this volume (pp. 31, 77, 130). The deputy lieutenants proposed a scheme for increasing this force, in case of foreign invasion, by a general levy, by which means

they thought the 5000 might be raised to 20,000 men. They admitted their new levies would be unpractised in the use of arms, and many of them would be armed with bows and arrows instead of muskets, and therefore agreed that tactics of a new character must be adopted. "Our way therefore, as we conceive, must be by multitudes and variety of weapons that they are not accustomedly acquainted with, to put them out of their usual manner of fight and encounters, and courageously, with the help of our bowes, which may serve for the while to amaze and trouble them, to run upon them and come to a fight pell-mell, wherein both the strength of our bodies and ordinary executing weapons of brown bills and halberts we shall equal them, if not exceed them" (p. 18). The Government had also suggested supplementing the trained bands by arming and roughly organising levies of untrained men to support them, but it wisely devoted most of its attention to the improvement of the trained bands. It ordered that for every 1000 soldiers there should be 100 pioneers raised, equipped with spades, pickaxes, and other implements. It sent down experienced drill sergeants and officers who had seen service in the Low Countries to instruct the militia, and ordered a provost-marshal to be appointed in every county (p. 11). The clergy, in spite of their refusals, were to be forced to send men and their due share of money, while the horses and arms of Catholic recusants were both seized and devoted to the public service (pp. 10, 13). Against this last order the deputy lieutenants remonstrated, on the ground that the recusants already supplied their proper contingent of armed men, and that the men they did supply were sound Protestants too (p. 29). One of the weak points of the system was that the horses of the cavalry were often of inferior quality, and to remedy this not

only was more strictness recommended but in 1627 there were general musters of the horse of various counties. Those of Norfolk and nine other counties were to assemble at Leicester to be inspected; those of Bedford and fifteen more at Hounslow (p. 112). To ensure uniformity in drill an official drill book was distributed, five hundred to every county, but unfortunately the title of the book is not given (p. 35). At the same time the quality and nature of the arms with which the trained soldiers were to be provided were exactly specified (pp. 89, 199). The barrel of the musket was to be four feet long, that of the caliver three feet and a half. The regulations of 1626 differ in many details from those of 1635, and military students would find it worth while to compare them. In 1635 for instance, the caliver was three inches shorter than it was in 1626, and the pike was reduced in length from eighteen to seventeen feet, while the barrels of the cuirassiers' pistols were to be eighteen inches long instead of twenty-seven.

Still more interesting are the directions for exercising the trained bands. The orders issued by the deputy lieutenants of Norfolk for this purpose in 1626 should be read side by side with the Declaration concerning lawful sports which James issued in 1618 and Charles re-issued in 1633. "Nothing," say the deputy lieutenants, "hath more disabled the people of this kingdom from the warlike and military abilities than the want and neglect of those manlike exercises whereunto in former times they were continually accustomed; especially of archery, running, wrestling, leaping, football playing, casting the sledge or hammer, and playing at cudgels." The people spend their leisure in drinking and consuming both their time and their substance in alehouses, instead

of spending it in these useful sports. Henceforth therefore constables, overseers, and churchwardens, on Sunday after Divine service is over, are to see that they employ the rest of their time in shooting and similar exercises, providing them at the common charge with hammers to throw and cudgels with iron basket hilts wherewith to play. The Sunday closing of alehouses is to be rigidly enforced, and none suffered to enter the same except travellers (p. 60). To what extent these drastic measures were really carried out does not appear; probably these rules were enforced for a short time and then neglected. It is evident, however, that in Norfolk at all events the higher authorities heartily supported the Government in the attempt to prepare all able-bodied men to defend the country in case of invasion. That it was obligatory for every man so to prepare himself no man in the seventeenth century dreamed of doubting.

On the whole no single book gives so good a picture of the militia system in the first part of the seventeenth century as this collection of documents. There is a similar book entitled *The Lancashire Lieutenancy under the Tudors*, edited by John Harland for the Cheltenham Society in 1859, which shows the working of the same system in another county, but it mainly relates to the sixteenth century, though it contains some documents of later date. The two collections complete each other and should be studied together.

Not the least interesting part of the collection consists of the series of documents illustrating economic and social history. In 1631 the Government attempted to put in force the old laws against enhancing or engrossing corn, and not only to force the farmers to bring the corn in their storehouses to market, but to sell it at fixed prices. This led to a remonstrance from the corn-producing

the arms, while the ninety-six barrels of powder it contained were accidentally fired and did great damage, killing some forty persons. A letter by Christopher Barrett, printed in Laing's *Memorials of the Civil War* (vol. i., p. 399), supplements Mr. Rye's summary of the evidence, but the depositions describe these incidents with a vividness and a picturesqueness which no other kind of record ever gives us.

These depositions and the documents relating to the Norfolk militia before-mentioned supply between them admirable examples of the wealth of historical information which English local records supply. Except for local history such sources have been too little used. Now and then they are of some value for the political historian, but for the social and economic historian, and for the man who wishes to understand the practical working of English institutions, they are the one indispensable authority. Such publications do more to advance historical knowledge than large compilations from second-hand authorities.

C. H. FIRTH.

State Papers

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Musters, Beacons, Shipmoney, &c.,

IN

Norfolk, from 1626 chiefly to the beginning of the Civil War.

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From the kinge.

A Commission of Leiuetenancye for the Countye of Norff. for the Earle Martiall of England.

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Charles by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, kinge, defendor of the Fayth, &c. To our right trusty and right welbeloued Cosin and Counsellour, Thomas, Earle of Arundell and Surrey, Earle Marshall of England, of the most noble order of the garter, knight, greetinge. Know ye that for ye great and singular trust and confidence we haue in your approued fidelity, wisdome, and circumspection, we haue assigned, made, constituted, and ordayned, and by these presents doe assigne, make, constitute, and ordayne you to be our Leiutenant within our County of Norffe, Citty of Norw^ch^ and county of the same citty, and in all corporate and priuiledged places w^th^in the limitts and precincts of the same County of Norff and citty of Norw^ch^, as well w^th^in liberties as w^th^out, and by these presents doe giue full power and authoritye vnto you, that you from time to time may leauy,

gather, and call together all and singular our Subjects, of what estate, degree, or dignitye they or any of them be, dwelling or inhabitinge wthin your sayd county of Norffe, Citty of Norw^{ch}, and county of the same, And wthin all places corporate and priuiledged wthin ye limitts and precincts of the same County of Norff as well wthin liberties as wthout meete and apt for the warrs, and them to try, array, and putt in readiness; and them alsoe and euery of them after their Abilities, degrees, and faculties, well and suffitiently cause to be armed and weaponed, and to take the Musters of them from time to time in places most meete for y^{t} purpose, after yor good discretion. And alsoe the same our Subjects soe tryed, arrayed, and armed, as well men of armes, as other Horsemen, Archers, and footemen of all kinds of degrees meete and apt for the warrs, to conducte and leade as well agaynst all our enemies, as alsoe agaynst all and singular, Rebells, Traytours, and such other like offendors, and euery of them, their and euery of their adherents, agaynst vs our Crowne and dignitye, wthin our sayd county of Norff, citty of Norw^{ch}, and countye of the same, and all other corporate and priuiledged places as well wthin liberties as wthout, from time to time as oft as need shall require by yor discretion. And wth the sayd enemies and Traytors and rebells to fight, and them and euery of them to inuade, resist, rep^{r}esse, subdue, slay, kill, and put to execution of Death, by all wayes and meanes, by yor sayd good discretion; and to do, fulfill, and execute all and singular other things wch shalbe requisite for the leauyinge and gouerment of our sayd subjects, for the conseruation of our person and peace, soe by you inforced aforesayd, leuyed, and to be ledd. And to doe, execute, and vse agaynst the sayd enemies, Traytors, and rebells, and such other like offendors and euery of them, and their and euery of their adherents, as necessity shall require by yor discretion, the Law called the Martiall law, accordinge to the Law Martiall, and of such offendors apprehended or being brought into subjection, to saue whome you shall think good to be saued, and to slay, destroy and putt to execution of Death

such and as many of them as you shall thinke meete by yor discretion to be putt to death. And farther, our will and pleasure is and by these presents, we doe giue vnto you full power and authorytye y^{t} in case any inuasion of enemies, Insurrection, Rebellion, Ryotts, Routes, or vnlawfull assemblies, or any other like offences shall happen to be moued in any place of this our realme, out of the limitts of this our Comission, that then as often as neede shall require by yor discretion, or as you shalbe directed from vs by any spetiall comandement, you wth such power to be leuyed wthin the limitts of yor Leiutenancye as you shall thinke requisite, or as you shalbe directed from vs, as is aforesayd, shall repayre to the place where any such inuasion, vnlawfull assembly, or insurrection shall happen to be moued, to subdue, repress, and reforme the same as well by battayle or other kinde of force as otherwise by the lawes of ye Realme and the Law Martiall, accordinge to yor discretion. And farther, we giue you full power and authorytye for ye execution of this our Comission to appoint and assigne in this our sayd Countye of Norff, citty of Norw^{ch}, and county of the same, and all corporate and priuiledged places aforesayd, as well wthin liberties as wthout, muster m^{rs} [1] and one prouost martiall, wch prouost martiall shall vse and execute the Law Martiall in case of any inuasion, Insurrection, or Rebellion in conductinge any numbers of men agaynst the sayd inuadors, Traytors, or Rebbells duringe the continuance of any such inuasion, insurrection, or Rebellion. Wherefore we will and comande you our sayd leiuetenant that wth all diligence you doe execute the premises wth effect. And for as much as it may be there shalbe just cause as now ther is for you to attend vpon our person, or to be otherwise imployed in our seruice, wherby this our seruice of Leiuetenancy comitted to your fidelitye cannot be by you in person executed in such sort as we haue appointed the same. Therefore we giue vnto you for yor better ayd and assistance, and for the better performance and execution of this our sayd seruice, ffull power and authoritye from time to time to assigne,

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appoint, and constitute by yor writeinge vnder yor hand and seale such suffitient and meet psons as you in yor discretion shall from time to time thinke fitt to be your Deputies in this sayd seruice, in our sayd countye of Norff, Cittye of Norw^{ch} and countye of the same, and all other corporate and priuiledged places wthin the limitts and precincts of the same Countye of Norff, as well wthin liberties as without. And by this our present Comission we doe giue vnto such Deputies soe to be by you assigned and appointed as abouesayd, or to any two or more of them full power and authoritye in yor sayd absence to doe and execute in yor sayd countye of Norffe, Cittye of Norw^{ch} and countye of the same, and all corporate and p^{r}uiledged places wthin ye limitts or precincts of the same Countye of Norffe as well wthin liberties as wthout, All and euery thinge and things before by this our Comission assigned and appointed by you to be done and executed. And our pleasure, will, and Commandem^{t} is that yor sayd Deputies, soe by you from time to time to be appointed, shall imediatelye after your letters of Deputation to them made as is aforesayd, take
Page 3. care and charge to see euerye point of this our Comission as fully and perfectlye executed in yor absence as you yo^{r}self ought to haue done it if you had ben psonally present. And the better so enable them for to doe our will and pleasure is, that imediatelye after such Deputation made as aforesaid you shall deliuer vnto them a duplicate or true transcript of this o^{r} Comission, subscribed wth yor owne hand. And whatsoeuer you, or in your absence your sayd Deputies or any two or more of them as aforesayd, shall doe by vertue of this our Comission, and accordinge to the Tenor and effect of the same touchinge the execution of the premises or any pt thereof, the same shalbe by these presents discharged in that behalfe, agaynst vs, our Heyers and Successors. And farther, we will and Comand all and singular our Justices of Peace, Mayors, Sheriffe, Bayliffe, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other our officers, ministers, and subjects meet and apt for the warrs wthin our sayd Countye of Norff, Citty of Norw^{ch} and County of the same, and all other corporate and priuiledged places wthin ye limitts

and precincts of the same County of Norff, as well as wthin liberties as wthout, to whome it shall appertayne, That they and euery of them wth their power and seruants from time to time shalbe attendant, aydinge, assistinge, counsellinge, and helpinge, and att the Comandem^{t}, as well of you as yor sayd Deputies or any two or more of them as aforesayd, in the execution hereof, as they and euery of them tender our pleasure and will answere for the contrarye at their vttermost perills.

In wittnes wherof we haue caused our letters to be made Pattents. Wittnes our selves at Westminster, the Ninth Day of May, in the first yeare of our Raigne, Aō Dōi 1626. (Per Doūm Custodē Magni Sigilli Angliæ virtute warr̄ Regis).—Edmonds.

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The Comission from the Earle of Arundell to his Deputye Leiutenants of Norff.

To all whom these presents shall come, I Thomas Earle of Arundell and Surrye, Earle Marshall of England, of the most noble order of the Garter, Knight, and one of his Maties most noble priuye Counsell, doe send greetinge. Whearas the king's most excellent majesty by his letters Patents vnder the greate seale of england, bearinge date at Westm̄ ye Ninth day of May last past before the date of these presents Hath assigned, made, constituted, and ordayned me the sayd Eearle of Arundell and Surry, Earle Marshall of England, to be his Leiutenant wthin the County of Norffe, Citty of Norw^{ch} and county of the same, and in all corporate and priuiledged places wthin the Limitts and precincts of the sayd County of Norff, citty of Norw^{ch} and county of the same citty or any part of them as well wthin liberties as wthout. And y^{t} his Matie alsoe by the same letters Pattents hath giuen vnto me the sayd Earle full power and authoritye from time to time to assigne, appoint and constitute by writeinge vnder my hand and seale such suffitient persons as I shall think fitt in my discretion to be my Deputies in this seruice of Leiutenancye in the sayd Countye of Norff, Citty of Norw^{ch} and countye of ye same, and in all Corporate and priuiledged

places wthin the limitts and precincts of the same Countye of Norff, Citty of Norw^{ch} and county of the same, and euery of them as well wthin liberties as wthout, and hath giuen to such Deputies soe to be by me assigned and appointed or to any two or more of them, full power and authoritye in my absence to doe and execute in the sayd countye of Norff, cittye of Norw^{ch} and countye of the same and euery of them, and in all Corporate and priuiledged places wthin the Limitts and precincts of the sayd Countye of Norff, Citty of Norw^{ch} and countye of ye same, and euery of them as well wthin liberties as wthout, all and euerye thinge and things by the sayd letters Pattents assigned and appointed to be by me done and executed, as by ye sayd letters Pattents amongst other things it doth and may more largely appeare. Now therfore, know yee that I the sayd Earle of Arundell and Surrey by vertue of ye sayd letters Patents and accordinge to the power and authority to me giuen Haue appointed, assigned, and constituted, and doe hereby assigne, appont, and constitute my welbeloued frends Sr John Hobart K^{t} and Barronett, Sr Jho: Woodhouse K^{t} and Barr^{t}: Sr Roger Townsend Barr^{t}: Sr Charles Cornewallis, Sr Arthur Heuenyngham, Sr Will: Le (*sic*) Gray, Sr Antho: Drury and Sr John Hare Knights, and euery of them to be my Deputies in the sayd seruice of leiutenancy in ye County of Norff; and in all other corporate and priuiledged places wthin ye limitts and precincts of the sayd County of Norff, to doe, performe, and execute in my absence all such things as are to be pformed and done by this my present writinge of Deputation, vntill order shalbe giuen them by me to ye contrary. And that they may the better vnderstand their seruices, by them to be performed from time to time, I heerewth send them accordinge to his Maties direction in that behalfe a duplicate or True Transcript of ye sayd letters Pattents subscribed wth my owne hand, wch I haue caused to be heere annexed.

In Wittnes wherof, I ye sayd Earle haue heerevnto sett my hand and seale, this 23th of Febr: primo Caroli, 1626.—Arundell and Surrey.

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The King's letters to his Counsell.

Right trusty and right welbeloued Cosens and Counsellors, and right trusty and welbeloued Counsellers we greete you well: we doe receyue wth singular contentm^{t} the relation giuen vs by diuers hands, and from seuerall parts, of the good effects of ye industry of those low countrye officers, y^{t} by our appointm^{t} we distributed into ye seuerall Counties to instruct ye trayned Bands in ye best moderne use of their Armes and postures, and bycause we know this seruice hath ben made soe profitable by ye care and good affections of our Leiuten^{ts} and their Deputies, y^{t} it is of very important consideration to haue these industries pursued for the settlinge of a perfect Militia. Our pleasure is y^{t} you write your letters in our name to our Leiuten^{ts} of their seuerall Counties to comend their judgm^{ts} in discerninge ye vse and benifitt of this seruice, and to giue them thanks from vs for the zeale they have shewed in puttinge it on to soe good effects: and least the benifitt of soe hopefull beginnings should be lost for want of due prosecution and exercise, we require you to recomend vnto them as a thinge wch we haue placed our owne eye and expectation vpon, and shall accordinglye take notice both of their industrye and neglects y^{t} shalbe found. That they giue order for continuall exercises vpon Holydayes and other conuenyent times appointed by the printed orders, and endeauor all in their power to bringe ye Country to affect ye exercise of Armes, and to make y^{t} ye subject of their intertaynem^{ts} and recreations att their times of libertye and meetinge together. You may likewise signifie vnto them y^{t} if they doe desire to keepe any of these officers still wth them for their farther instruction, and to giue the better countenance to their exercises, we shalbe well pleased wth the retayninge of them to soe good ends vpon any reasonable conditions ye parties shalbe drawen to accept. And now ye foote companies are drawen into soe hopefull a way of good trayninge, there is noe less care to be taken of the Troopes of Horse, wch haue been exceedinglye neglected, and are soe necessarylye to be put in order, as calls vpon care to require from our Leiutenants y^{t}

as they tender our pleasure, ye safety of our Dominions and ye discharge of that trust we put in them; They giue order for makinge compleat the Troopes of Horse in number, able men, good furniture, and suffitient exercisinge, of wch we require you to giue a serious recomendation in our name, and to take account of their performance, giuinge them assurance, y^t^ as we will take ye reall furnishinge of y^t^ soe important a strength of our kingdome, as a notable expression of dutye in themselues, ye Deputies, ye Capt^s^, and those y^t^ finde Horses: soe will our displeasure lye heauy vpon any y^t^ shall fayle in it, and we expect y^t^ you require an account of defaults, and proceede to their punishment with such seueritye, as w^th^out farther loss of time and hazard to the publique, may worke a speedy and effectual reformation. And bycause ye sparinge of some persons vpon pretences doth open a gapp to excuses, intercessions, enuies, and backwardness in others to the infinite weakninge both of the horse and foote: we will not haue any spared in these seruices vpon any occasion or excuse, our owne Seruants and those y^t^ attend them in Court to be only priuiledged and spared from personall and actuall duties, but their lands and reuenewes to make good the defence of the countrye where they lye. And it wilbe a good seruice wch we doe recomend vnto you not only to press the prouydinge of Armes accordinge to ye moderne fashion, but inuite the seuverall counties to haue some reasonable proportion of Armes in their owne custodye, and as their owne proper good, ouer and aboue the armes of the Trayned Bands, wch may serue to arme such as are not of the Trayned numbers, but hauinge able bodies may be usefullye imployed in the times of necessitye, for securinge the Countye when the trayned bands are drawne away to other parts, or vpon ye like occasions. These things are of soe publique consequence as requires our best care in directinge, and your vtmost diligence in causinge a reall performance and execution of them; wherfore we require you to take an account from time to time and apply our authorytye in takinge away all such difficulties as may oppose the perfectinge of soe good a worke wherin the peace and saftye of our dominions is soe deeplye interested.

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Giuen vnder our Signett at our Pallace at Westm̃, the 24 of May in the second yeare of our Raygne.

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The Lords of the Counsells letters to the Lord Marshall.

After our very hartye com̃endations to yor good Lordsh^{p} the greate and threatninge preparations at this present in Spayne and Flaunders, as well of lande as of Sea forces make it most apparant y^{t} the enemye of his Maties peace haue some designe vpon his Maties kingdome, to preuente wch besides a good fleete of Shipps now in readiness to putt to Sea to diuert or breakinge ye joyninge of his enemies forces if possible it may be done; And another greate fleete preparinge to garde the coasts and narrow seas, his Matie holds it requisite in ye prudent care of our safeties, and of his kingdomes to make all due preparations on the lands to wthstand ye attempts or inuasion of the enemye: To wch end, howsoeuer the directions of the last yeare are full and exact for the well arminge and disciplyninge of the Trayned bands of this kingdome both of horse and foote, and y^{t} ye reiterated directions of this yeare, and the Serrgeants imployed into the seuerall counties for instructinge of Souldiers might make his Matie confident, both of ye suffitiencye of the Armes and men, and their skill and readines to vse their armes, and performe wth knowledge ye duties of Souldiers. Neuertheless, his Matie wisely considering that Militia well ordered to be the sure and constant bulwarke and defence of this kingdome, vpon ye strengh and peace of wch the safties of ye rest doth principallye depend: His Matie hath com̃anded vs to signifie his pleasure vnto yor Lo^{pp} that instantlye vpon receyte heerof you cause an exact vieu to be taken of all ye Armes of ye trayned forces of that countye, both horse and foote (if the same be not alreadye done vpon former directions) and see ye same to be compleate, accordinge to the moderne fashion, That by the officers and sergeants sent formerlye vnto you (if any of them be yett remayneinge in y^{t} countye)

or else by some fitt and experienced persons you cause all the trayned Souldiers to be perfectlye instructed in ye execise of their Armes: and order a part first, and then by degrees in files and Squadrons, whole companies and regiments; and lastly to draw all ye forces of the Countye into one bodye, and soe to trayne and exercise them; and in these actions to take order that ye Comanders and officers apply themselues to know and to be able to perform their duties of their seuerall charges: y^{t} you take an espetiall care y^{t} both Captaynes, officers, and souldiers, be not only able and suffitient
Page 7. men, but alsoe well affected in Religion, and y^{t} aswell ye officers as the Souldiers take the Oth of Supremacye and Allegiance, and that noe Souldiers enrolled remoue his dwellinge out of towne or parish of his aboade wthout licence obtayned from ye deputye Leiutenants of y^{t} deuision to ye end, y^{t} in case he shalbe licensed to depart, y^{t} ye company may be made vp and kepte compleate, both for number, persons of able men and actiue bodies, and men practised in their Armes. That you take order y^{t} all ye trayned bands be in readines to repayre to their colours and places of Randevous wth theire armes and prouision vpon one hower's warninge, and y^{t} all ye able men vntrayned from threescore to sixteene be enrolled, y^{t} vpon any suddayne occasions, such leuies may be made of them as shalbe required, y^{t} in regard of ye daynger of ye times and malice of the enemye, you endeauour to increase ye number of the trayned Bands, espetially ye Horse, wch you must see carefully furnished and exercised accordinge to the former directions; and alsoe y^{t} you deale seriously wth ye best sort of men to prouide themselues of Armes and wepons for their particular vse, and wth these and such other Armes and weapons of any sort whatsoeu̅ y^{t} shalbe found in ye Countye to furnish and exercise soe many of the vntrayned men as shalbe possible, reducinge them alsoe into Bands vnder Captaynes and leaders, and for a supply of Armes in this kinde you may take those armes wch belonge to Recusants, and haue ben remoued from them, and now remayne sequestred in others' hands, payinge to ye tru owners ye price and value of those Armes, as they are now worth:

That you take espetiall care y^{t} ye seuerall proportions of Powder, Match, and leade be forthwith prouided and put in Magazine for the vse of ye sayd Countrye vpon all occasion of seruice, accordinge to the bill heerinclosed for ye prouision of the sayd countye: y^{t} you caus suffitient prouision of Cariages to be in readiness vpon any suddayne occasion for ye convayinge of Amunition, vitualls, Baggage, &c. to such Randeuous as ye forces of ye county shalbe assigned to: And y^{t} you see ye Beakons forthwth made vp and repayred wth prouision of wood, to be layd by for mayntayninge and renewinge of them, and cause them to be diligentlye watched by diligent and suffitient men. That you proportion ye forces of y^{t} countye, y^{t} to euery Thousand Souldiers you allow one hundred pioners to be prouided wth Spades, Pickaxes, and Shouells, Hatchetts, Bills and ye like, and to appointe carts and carriages, and a conuenient number of Naggs to mount shott on, and to serue for ye more speedye conueniencye of the foote Pyoners Armes and weapons as there may be occasion, together wth a proportion of vittualls for ten dayes, Powder, match, lead, wth some spare Armes, which by your care wilbe prouided, together wth Snapsacks for the Souldiers; And Poasts in euery seuerall part of the County, to be sent wth directions from place to place. That you appoint an Honest and discrett person to be prouost Martiall in that Countye, for ye Apprehendinge and punishinge of such vagrants and idle persons as liue not in any lawfull vocations, and in times of suspition and in trobles, may eyther by tales and false rumours distract ye peoples minds, or any way of fact comitt insolencyes and outrages, or minister occasion by their loose examples or vnlawfull combinations, whence there may arise much disadvantage to his Maties seruice and disquiett of the people, and therfore to be carefullye looked vnto by the Justices of Peace and Deputye Leiut^{ts}. And to ye end y^{t} we may be dulye and speedlye informed of all things that may conserne the State of the kingdome, and applye fitt remedies,
age 8. Where any defects shalbe founde. We pray and require your Lo^{pp} to giue vs a speedye and exact Account of the estate of

the Countye, and particular information and certificate of the performance of all things mentioned in these present letters, or required by any directions of the last or this present yeare; and to returne this Account vnto vs by the 10th of August next, that his Matie be timelye informed therof, And heereof we pray and require yor Lopp not to fayle as you tender his Maties seruice: And soe we bidd yor Lopp hartelye farewell. Att Whitehall, the 10th of Julye, 1626.

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The Lord Leiutenant's letter to the Deputye Leiutenants in Norffe.

After my very hartye comendations, I haue lately receyued letters from the Lords of his Maties most honoble priuye Couusell wth a Coppye of one of his Maties letters vnto their Loppes, touchinge the musters now to be held wthin ye Countye of Norffe, both which contayne more particular directions for ye Orderinge of the sayd musters then ye last wch you receuyed: True coppies of ye sayd letters I heerewth send vnto you, that yorselues may the better and more cleerelye see the effects and poynts of his Maties and their Loppes instructions, wch you are not in any particular to omitt, wherin you may often obserue their expectance of Certificates, as well of what is found performed as neglected and ye defaulters: their strict directions for ye clergie to finde their parts in as perfect and full measure as any other; the notice taken of the good effects of the low Countrye officers sent amongst you, wch good worke you should not decline: ye benifitt of exercisinge of Armes on Holye dayes and such leasurable times: And principallye perfectinge of the Horse Troopes soe often insisted vpon vnto you, and an account heereof: That noe

excuse bee admitted for neglectinge this seruice by reason of ye ill consequence therof: That Armes be reduced to the best modern fashion, and store of them to be had in euerye part of the Countrye, and principallye there, where you conceyue there is most necessitye, and lastlye an accounte of all your labours therin. I shall neede add nothinge to your cares and my former incitements, onlye at the presente to require from you a stricter diligence then euer formerlye, in regarde of the present and greate cause heereof, and soe I rest.—Yo^{r} lovinge ffrend, Arundell Surrey.

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The Lords of the Counsells letters to ye Lord Martiall, touchinge the Clergie.

After our hartye comendations to yor good Lo^{pp}, by the coppye of his Maties letters directed vnto vs, wch we send you heerewith your Lo^{pp} may cleerely see the constant continuance of his princelye care, in y^{t} wch conserneth the honor and saftye of the estate and generall good of his louinge subjects, for the better fartherance and aduancement wherof we doe heereby pray and in his Maties name expreselye require your Lo^{pp} to take effectuall order, that his royall comande and directions contayned in the same letters, be wth all care and diligence executed in the countye of your Leiutenancye, and a particular certificate of the proceedings therin returned to this board. And wheras information was latelye giuen, That in some places they of ye cleargye refuse to finde men or contribute towards the defrayinge of ye charges wch groweth by exercisinge and instructinge of the trayned bands, you are likewise to take notice of his Maties pleasure in that behalfe, which is that in those things wch tende to the inablinge and fittinge of men for ye comon defence of the Realme, They of the clergye are noe more to be exempted nor spared then any other of his Maties other subjects: and are therfore to be called vpon to perform the dutyes required in that kinde, and certificate to be made of all such as shalbe founde in anye sort defectiue, wch as at all times, soe now espetiallye

ought to be carefullye and exactlye performed. The present estate of things beinge such as appeares by aduertisem^{ts} from diuers parts, that the least neglecte may greatelye prejudice his Maties seruice and the comon safetye. And soe we bidd yor Lo^{pp} very hartelye farewell. From Whitehall, this 11th of June, 1626.—Yo^{r} Lo^{pps} very louinge ffrends.

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The Lo: of the Counsells letters to the Lord Marshall touchinge the Shipp at Linn, the Moyetye to be found by the Country.

After our verye hartye comendations, wheras by yor letters of the last of June directed to the Justices of Peace of the countye of Norffe, we gaue them knowledge of his Maties pleasure for two Shipps to be sett out and furnished for his Maties pleasure from the Ports of Linn, Wells, and Burnham requiringe them to cause the sayd Countye to contribute some competent proportion towards the charge of fittinge out ye sayd Shipps. Forasmuch as the Mayor and Aldermen, &c. haue ben humble sutors to ye Board on ye behalfe of the sayd Ports to be eased as well in number of the Shipps as in the charge of such as they shalbe enjoyned to sett out by farther contribution from ye sayd Countye then was formerlye directed: We takinge the same into our considerations, and knowinge well the decayed trade, and the greate losses sustayned at Sea of late yeares by ye sayd Port Townes, haue thought fitt for the present that they be eased of a full Moyetye of ye charge of furnishinge out the same by a contribution from the Countye to that proportion. And we doe therfore heerebye Authorise and require yor Lo^{pp} to giue effectuall order to yor Deputye Leiutenants, that by the proportion accordinge to forme of leauies heeretofore vsed vpon ye like occasions of publique seruice, they cause such sums to be leuied vpon the Countrye, as may supplye to the sayd Ports a full Moyetye of the sayd charge of settinge out the sayd Shipp. And we doe farther heereby pray and require your Lo^{pp} to cause to be impressed wthin the sayd

Ports and members of the same, or any other parte of y^t^ County such number of Mariners, or in ye want of them such seruiceable land men as shalbe found needefull for the makinge vp the full complement of the sayd Shipp. Heerin we pray yor Lo^pp^ that noe time may be lost, and soe bidd yor Lo^pp^ farewell. From White Hall, this 27th of Julye, 1626.—Yo^r^ Lo^pps^ very louinge ffrends.

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The Lord Leiutenant's letters to the Deputye Leiutenants of Norffe, touchinge the Shipp of Linn.

After my hartye comendations, I heerewith send you a Coppye of a letter which I latelye receyued from the Lo^s^ of his Maties most Honorable Priuye Counsell, touchinge ye settinge forth of one Shipp for his Maties seruice from the Ports of Linn, Wells, and Burnham, and a contribution from the Countye towards the same, wherof you haue formerlye vnderstoode by letters from their Lo^ps^ vnto the Justices of Peace of your countye by theire Lo^ps^ directions you may best vnderstand what course to take, whereof I most strictlye require you to haue an espetiall care. Soe not doubtinge but your consideration of the present and vrginge occasions of these times will suffitientlye incite your endeuours: And soe leauinge you to the particular directions of their Lord^ps^ followinge, I rest Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell house,
ye 29th of Julye, 1626.

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The Answere of ye Deputye Leiutent^s^ of Norffe to ye Lords of the Counsell.

May it please your Lo^pps^,

We haue receyued vpon the first of this August three seuerall letters from ye Lo: Leiuten^ts^ of this Countye, contayninge what to his Lo^pp^ was by letters from his M^tie^ and from yor Lo^pps^ recomended vnto him for seruices in matters Millitarye to be performed in this Countye.

That wch contaynes of those letters beinge dated ye 10th of Julye, was not deliuered vnto vs vntill yesterday beinge ye first of this August, yett are we comanded by ye same to giue answere and Account of the state of ye Countye and particular information and certificate of all things therin mentioned, and ye same to returne vnto yor Lo^{pps} Hono^{rs} by ye 10th of this Moneth, wch in regard that were impossible in soe short a time to be done, yett to accomplish our duties in all things wthin our power, we humbly certefie vnto yor Lo^{pps} that the comanded perticular Traynings, and exercise of the foote Companies of our Countrye, are still practised and intended to be continued.

That for the same we shall not haue any more occasion to vse ye Sergeants who were formerlye sent vnto vs, nor of any other, hauinge old practised Souldiers of our owne country y^{t} are very able and suffitient to performe it, who hauinge alreadye pentions alowed them by ye Country, wth some very small addition made vnto them, wilbe well contented to undertake the same, wthout any further charge to the Countrye.

The supply of defects of ye Horses we finde little hope to effect, if some other present warrantable Authoritye and directions we receyue not from your Lo^{pps} for correction of ye defaulters; The increase of particular Armour within this Countye, we will as presentlye as we may endeauour and haue alreadye begunn to giue order for the same.

Concerninge ye contribution to be giuen by ye Country towards the charge of the Shipp to be sett forth for his Maties seruice by ye Towne of Lynn, we all conceyue y^{t} as ye present estate of Affayres stand, the moouinge of it would become a greate impedim^{te} in ye greater seruice of his Matie in the required supply, And are besides of opinion, y^{t} Lynn being a wealthy towne of it self, hauinge as we are certaynelye informed a thousand pounds by yeare in Lands, for this time may performe the seruice of themselues.

The Musters and generall Traynings, in this soe generall and necessarye time of occupation of our people, we cannot with any conueniencye performe till Haruest be ended.

The rest of yor Comandem^{ts} in a time of soe manye and soe important busines as these negotious dayes of the Assises doe put vpon vs, we humblye craue pardon for deferringe our answere till farther time and consideration shall enable vs thereunto. And soe humbly recomendinge our seruices to yor Lo^{pps} we rest humbly and faythfully at y^{r} L^{ps} Comands.—Charles Cornewallis, Will: de Grey, Anthony Drurye, John Hare.

Thetford,
the third of August, 1626.

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These were inclosed in the last letter to the Lords of the Counsell.

That in regard ye continuall changes required in Armes are soe verye greuous to the countrye by reason of their charge and troble of new prouidinge; Theire Lo^{ps} wilbe pleased to sett downe in some certayntye the Armes, and particular furniture of Launces, Light Horses, and Petronells, and whether wee shall endeauour to draw those y^{t} are charged wth Petronells to serue with Dragoons, and how those alsoe are to be furnished.

That for such as eyther obstinatelye refuse or vndutifullye neglect to shew or serue wth their Horses and Armes y^{t} are imposed vpon them, their Lo^{ps} will be likewise pleased to prescribe some such certayne course to vs who be Deputye Leiuten^{ts} as may free vs from pursute in Law or in Parlam^{t} by ye offenders, if any thinge we should doe by way of Coertion; that by Law directlye is not warranted.

That wheras we haue appointed foure generall quarterlye meetings for the orderinge and certefyinge of those seruices, if their Lo^{ps} in their graue considerations shall thinke y^{t} course to be fittest, They wilbe then pleased to send downe a Pursiuant, as alsoe at our generall Musters wth authoritye to apprehend and bringe before their Lo^{ps} some few such wilfull refusers or negligent defaulters as we shall then name and assigne vnto them, whereby others may take then a

publique notice and example: Or otherwise if soe it shall seeme better vnto their Lo^{ps} to be pleased y^{t} by their spetiall directions we be commanded to bind these wilfull defaulters by recognizance to appeere at the Assises next followinge their defaults, and in ye meane time to their good behauior. Att wch time the Judges beinge thervnto prepared by some aduertism^{ts} from y^{ir} Lo^{ps}, may vse some publique and bitter reproofe vnto them all, comittinge some few of the obstinate for example, and continuinge ye rest bound to their good behauiour, and their apparants at the Assises next followinge, and soe from one Assises to another vntill they shall satisfie the Deputye Leiuten^{ts} by espetiall certificate from their seuerall captaynes that they haue performed ye seruices, and will from thenceforth shew their obedience, continuinge ye same, wthout anye future neglect or defect in any part of them: this bond of good behauiour beinge vsually exacted for delicts of much less consequence then ye shew of soe great a contempt or neglect of his Maties Comandem^{t} espetially in what soe much concerneth both his owne safetye and honor, and those of his whole kingdome.

The whole number of Trayned forces of our Country are not for the present fiue thousand, wch the Country it selfe beinge soe large, and contayninge soe many seuerall places yeeldinge fittnes and facilitye to any inuadinge enemye to land, cannot be gathered together into any one place to prohibite and wthstand ye same as well in regard of ye distance, as alsoe y^{t} other parts may at ye same time haue ye like necessitye to be defended.

The forces of our enemies consistinge of expert and longe exercised Souldiers will farr surpass ours, y^{t} consist of such as be new and vnpractised in ye vse of their Armes and weapons, if we tye our selues to the vsuall distances and fourmes of Skirmishinge and conflicts.

Our way therfore as we conceyue must be by multituds and variety of weapons y^{t} they are not accustomedlye acquainted with, to put them out of their vsuall manner of fight and encounters, and courageouslye wth ye helpe of our Bowes, w^{ch}

may serue for ye while to amaze and troble them, to runn vpon them and come to a fight Pell Mell, wherein both ye strengh of
ge 15. our bodies And ordinarye executinge weapons of Browne Bills and Halberts, we shall equall them if not exceede them.

For the effectinge heerof wilbe necessarye not onlye ye example alreadye amongst our selues that be Deputye Leiuten^ts^ propounded and agreed vizt

That euery one of vs accordinge to our abilities shall alwayes haue in readines a conuenient proportion of Horses, Armour, and other military furniture ouer and besides what we are ordinarilye charged wth for the defence of our selves and our Country vpon all suddayne and vnexpected occasions; but y^t^ by comandem^t^ and direction from his Matie we doe recomend the like to be done by all the Justices of Peace and all gentle men of quality, and other men of wealth, or y^t^ haue any manner of abilitye, in all villages and townshipps throughout all ye County, in such sort as noe man of fitt yeares and able bodye w^th^in ye same may be vnprouided of a good Bow, a sheafe of Arrowes, a Scull of Steele, and a Sword and Dagger or at least of a Browne Bill, a Scull and a good Sword and Dagger.

By this meanes, whereas ye Country is at this present not furnished to Arme fiue thousand men, the number of armed and weaponed as is aforesayd wilbe as we suppose not much wantinge of twentye thousand. And a generall Muster beinge made, wch ye Deputy Leiuten^ts^ by deuidinge themselues for ye more facilitye of ye worke and safe of the Countrye, may performe once in euery two yeare. It wilbe known vnto them how and in what sort ye whole number may be vpon any vnexpected inuasion, armed and practised to defend the Country, and how and in what sort they shalbe distributed and deuided amongst ye Captayns and Leaders of ye other trayned forces of the Country.

That to ye end, y^t^ in nothinge we be taken soe vnprouided or vnresolued as vpon landinge of the enemye we be then inforced to consult what to doe when ye time wilbe more proper for doinge then aduisinge.

It may please his Matie that these things followinge be considered and resolued, and we receyue his Comandem^{t} and direction theerein.

First, in what manner and what forces it wilbe fittest and safest to withstand the enemies landinge.

If their landings be not to be preuented, whether we shall then ꝑsently sett vpon them, or rather reserue ourselues till our forces be come together to enable vs, or vntill by fittness of place or some other accident we may take aduantage of them, and in ye meane time to keepe them from all manner of vitualls, and refreshinge themselues, and to follow and infest them with continuall allarams.

That the keepinge them from victualls and other necessaries in such a necessitye (if it shalbe thought fitt) we burne our Cornes and driue away our cattell into Marsland, where our enemy cannot come to them.

That our butter, cheese, and other victualls be alsoe remoued into some place of safetye, where it may be kept from the enemye, and best releiue the necessitye of our owne people.

That ye howshould stuff and other implim^{ts} of value be alsoe remoued into places of saftye, and for Carts and cariages, seuerall M^{ers} and gouernors in seuerall parts be appointed for ye purpose.

Page 16. That for driuinge away of the Cattayle in like sort there be appointed gentlemen of good suffitiencye and vnderstandinge for the orderinge and executinge thereof.

That wheras we haue by former order deuided the ordinary trayned forces of our Countye into fower parts, to be ledd by fower Corronells, we be likewise directed, how many of the other supplied number wth voluntarye Armour or weapons there shalbe putt into euery such Regiment, as alsoe how many of euery sort of them, vizt, Musketts, Bowmen, and Billmen.

What cariages shalbe needfull for euery such Regiment, as alsoe what number of Pioners, and what number of seuerall tooles for them to be vsed vpon all occasions.

That Norwich, Linn, and Yarmouth vpon any such occasions be espetially regarded as places most importinge his Maties

Honour to preserue from spoyle. And that in all those townes ther be gathered and had in ample prouision of victualls, espetially in Norw^{ch}, to ye end, that if the enemye shalbe discerned to haue a purpose to Assault that Cittye, there may not onlye be victualls suffitient for themselves but alsoe for the forces of the Countrye, who shall bee necessitied to defende it.

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The King's letter to the Justices of Peace in Norff.

Trustye and welbeloued we greete you well. It is not vnknowen vnto you, y^{t} in Februarye last our High Court of Parlim^{t} was by vs sumoned and assembled to treate of ye greate and waightye affayres concerninge ye Church of England and ye true Religion therein established, and ye defence and safety of ye kingdome, and that they heere continued together vntill ye 25th of June last, within wch time many things of good moment and much conductinge to our Honor, and ye honor and safty of this kingdome, were propounded and begann to be handled; and amongst other things our Comons then assembled takinge into their serious consideration our present and important occasions not for our owne priuate vse, but for ye comon safety of vs and our people, did wth one vnanimous consent agree to giue vs a supply of fower entire Subsidies and three fiueteenths, and did by order of that house sett downe the dayes and times for ye payment of ye same, wch their louinge and free offer vnto vs we did gratiouslye accept and relye vpon and dispose of our affayrs accordingelye, and after with much patience euen beyonde ye pressinge necessities of our publique affayres continually did expect reall performance thereof. And we are assured ye same had ben performed accordingly had not ye disordered passions of some members of y^{t} house, contrarye to ye good inclination of the greater and wiser sort of them, soe farr misleade themselues and others that they neyther did nor could intend y^{t} wch concerneth the publique defence of ye kingdome, for wch they were espetially

called. Wherfore when noe gratious admonition would stay them (much agaynst our hart) we haue disolued Parlim^{t}. And ye Parlim^{t} beinge now ended and a nessessitye of supplye of monye lyinge still vpon vs and pressinge vs, wthout which the com̄on saftye of vs and our people cannot be defended and maynetayned, but is in eminent and apparant dainger to be assayled and swallowed vp by a vigelant and powerfull enemye, we haue ben enforced to cast all the wayes and meanes wch Honorably and justlye we may take for supply of these important affaires, and many seuerall courses haue ben propounded and offered vnto vs, and allthough noe ordinarye rules can prescribe a law to necessitye and ye Com̄on defence and safetye, and euen the verye subsistance of the whole might warrant vs, if out of our Royall Prerogatiue and power we should take a course any way more extraordinarye or less indifferent to any part therof: yett we desiringe nothinge more (next to the loue and fauour of Almightye God, by whose gratious assistance we desire to gouerne our selues and all our occassions) then the loue of our people, which we esteeme as our greatest riches; we haue made vse of that way wch may be most equall and acceptable vnto them: And therfore we desire all our louinge Subjects in a case of this vnauoydable necessitye to be a law vnto themselues, and louinglye, freelye, and voluntarilie to performe y^{t} which by Law if it had passed formerlye by an act, (as was intended) they had ben compellable vnto, and soe in timelye way to prouide not onlye for our, but their owne defence, and for the com̄on safetye of all our friends and allies, and of our liues and Honours, the performance of which request will not onlye giue vs an ample testimonye of the
Page 18. dutifull, And good affections of oure people in generall, but will giue vs just incouragm^{t} the more speedelye to meete in Parliment. We therfore desire you forthwith to meete together and to take such order as may best aduance our seruice; and in our name to desire and exhorte our people, accordinge to such instructions, as herewith we send vnto you, That they would not fayle freelye to giue vnto vs a full supplye answerable to the necessitye of our present occasions.

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Instructions to the Justices of Peace in the Countye of Norff.

1. First, speedelye vpon receyte of these our letters you assemble together at some place conuenient, and take them and the matter therby recōmended vnto you, into your due considerations.

2. That when you are thus assembled you call to mind ye resolution in the Parliment latelye dissolued to haue giuen vs fower Subsidies and three Fiueteenths, and the seuerall dayes of payment were ordered for the same: and therfore the Sume of mony to haue ben raysed therbye, was in the Judgment of Parliament but competent, and the times of payment conuenient for the present and pressinge occasions, and we are confidente that the same considerations will preuayle with our people.

3. That you lett them know how much it will avayle our affayres and the affayres of our frends and allies, to assayle our enemies on their owne coasts, and y^t we haue begunn a preparation to that end but want monies to affect the same, and while we are in those resolutions we are aduertised from all parts of the powerfull preparations made to assayle vs at home or in Ireland or in both.

4. That you putt them in minde that nothinge inuites an enemie more to an inuasion then an opinion that the partye intended to be inuaded is eyther secure or distracted, and soe vnprouided for resistance.

5. Therfore you the Deputye Leiuten^ts giue present directions to haue all the Troopes and bands of the Countye, compleate, trayned, mustered, and soe well furnished, that they may be prepared to march to their Rendeuous at an howers warninge vpon payne of Death.

6. That you conclude vpon a constant way of propoundinge and persuinge this our supplye in your seuerall deuisions to the inhabitants of the whole Countye.

Page 19. 7. That when you haue first setled this worke amongst yor selues, you agree how to diuide your selues through the whole

countye into soe manye parts and deuisions as you in your iudgmetts shall thinke fittest, and then that those men who shalbe then imployed deale effectuallye with the rest of the Countye in those seuerall diuisions.

8. That you agree in the nomination of such able persons as you shall thinke fitt for ye collectinge and receyuinge of those monies and payinge the same ouer vnto the Exchequer.

9. That you assure them in our name and on our Royall word which we will not breake with our people, that we will wholye imploye all the monies which shalbe thus giuen vnto vs, to the comon defence of the kingdome, and not to any other end whatsoeuer.

10. That together with the monyes you collect, to send a perfect roll of the names of all those who doe thus contribute, and of all those who shall refuse if any such be, that we may be therby informed who are well affected to our seruice, and who are otherwise, and what monies are giuen vnto vs, that soe we may require an account of those who shalbe trusted to receyue it, and that it may afterwards appeere that we haue expended it to those ends and purposes that it was giuen.

11. And lastlye that all this be instantlye performed, for y^t^ delayes will ouerthrowe our greatest counsells and affayres.

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The Lords of the Counsells letters to the Justices of Peace in Norffe.

After our hartye comendations, wheras it hath come to our knowledge y^t^ amongst other instructions lately sent vnto you by his Matie for the obtayninge of a competent Sum for the defence of the Realme by way of free guift from the Country, that instruction wherin mention is made of ye Subsidies and fiuetenths, wch ye Parliament resolued to haue giuen, is vnderstoode by some of you, as if you were therby directed to demand expressly of the Country as due to his Matie the foresayd Subsidies and Fiuetenths, because they were intended to haue ben giuen by ye Parliam^t^, wch mistakinge least it should in yor intimation to ye Country cause a misvnder-

standinge of his Maties gratious intentions therin, to the crossinge and hinderance of soe important a seruice, as the defence and saftye of the kingdome, for wch this Ayde is desired; We haue thought good for ye cleeringe of all doubts to lett you know, that the supplye now demanded by his
ge 20. Matie is in noe wise meant to be by way of Subsedey, but meerely as of free guift from the Subject to ye Soueraygne, and y^{t} ye mention made of Subsedye in ye sayd instruction is but by way of comparison to lett it appeare that ye Parliam^{t} findinge y^{t} the waighty and pressinge occasions of state could not be supplyed by a less Sum̄, resolued to haue giuen ffower Subsedies and three fiuteenths, and in this sence and not otherwise you are to represent it to the Country; bycause vpon better consideration had, and vpon some good effects therof in parts therabouts it is conceyued to be a more effectuall way then y^{t} formly directed you, y^{t} you in yor seuerall deuisions should send for such persons as are of abilitye to giue, and deale wth them particularly by vsing such motions and perswations as you are best acquainted withall: wee haue thought good heerby to require you to proceede in that course: And forasmuch as we are giuen to vnderstand by ye Justices of Peace who haue the managinge of ye seruice in Middlesex, and other countries heereabouts, y^{t} diuers persons beinge demanded what they would giue, made answere y^{t} they had receyued priuye Seales for loanes to his Matie, that they conceyued it was not his Maties pleasure that they should both lend and giue, offeringe, or at least seeminge willinge to giue soe they might be discharged of their priuy Seales; We haue therfore thought good to authorise and require you, where you shall finde ye like objection made by any person vnto whom a priuye Seale had ben directed, and shall finde such persons to giue a conuenyent Sum̄ in case he may be discharged of his priuye Seale, that then you encorage him therevnto, by assuringe him in case he shall freely giue, you will make certificate vnto vs of his forewardnes and good example therin, giuen for his Maties seruice not doubtinge but that thervpon he

shalbe discharged of his Priuye Seale: Soe not doubtinge but that you will take this business to hart, assuringe you that the indeauours and good seruice heerin of you or any of you shalbe by vs remembred to his Matie vpon any your occasions, we bidd you hartely farewell. From Whitehall, the 26 of Julye, 1626.—Yo^{r} very louinge ffrends, Thomas Couentry, Maleborough, Manchester; Buckingham E., Conway, Jo: Sucklinge, Ro: Nanton, Jo: Cooke, Richard Weston, Ju: Cesar.

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Sr Anthony Drury with the Cheife Constables. — for the supply of the Horse for ye inuitinge of increase of Armour in euy pticular.

Sr John Hare
Sr Will le (*sic*) Gray — Conserninge the charge of the Shipp of Linn, we must expect to heare from Linn, and then to answere, wch as yett we conceyue shalbe to lett ye Counsell vnderstand our reasone, why Linn is rather to beare their owne charges, then ye Country.

Concerninge the seruice of ye Seargeants in Trayneinge, wch we will answere, y^{t} we shall not neede in regarde y^{t} we haue Pentioners of our owne Country as shalbe, &c.

That our Captaynes and Souldiers be suffitient able men and religious.

That both Captaynes and Souldiers take the Oth of Supremacye and of Allegiance.

That none depart the Towne where he now dwelleth, without licence of the Deputye Leiutenants.

That all able men from 16 to 60 be inrolled and y^{t} vpon suddayne occasions leuies be made of them, and reduce them into bands vnder Captaynes and that they be trayned.

That Recusants Armes be sould to such as want, and that the just value be giuen to the owner.

That the seuerall proportion of Powder, Match, and leade be forthw[th] prouided and put in Magazin for y[e] vse of the Country vpon all occasions of seruice, accordinge to the list inclosed for the prouision of the Country.

That prouision be made of all Carts and Cariages.

That Beakcons be watched by suffitient men.

That Pyoners and tooles be prouided.

That a Prouost Martiall be appointed, and a speedy and exact account by the tenth of this August, the letters themselues beinge not receyued by vs, vntill the first of y[e] same moneth.

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A rate made for the Sum' of 105[li] 16[s] and for all rates to be made accordingly as they haue ben for 60 or 80 yeares.

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	li	s.		li	s.
East Flegg . .	7	12	Holt	3	0
West Flegg . .	2	0	South Greenhoe .	4	0
Happinge . . .	3	0	Grimshaw . .	3	0
Tunstead . . .	4	0	Wayland . . .	3	0
Blowfeild . . .	3	0	Shropham . .	3	10
Walsam . . .	3	0	Gilt cross . .	1	15
Loddon . . .	3	0	Freebridg Marshland	4	0
Claueringe . .	3	0	Freebridg Linn .	4	0
Tauerhane (*sic*) . .	3	0	Clackclose . .	5	0
Landiche . . .	4	0	Diss	3	0
Smethdon . .	3	0	Depewade . .	4	10
Gallow . . .	3	0	Ersham . . .	3	10
Brothercross . .	1	15	Hensteade . .	1	12
South Erpingham .	4	10	Mittford . . .	4	0
North Erpingham .	4	0	Forehoe . . .	4	10
North Greenhoe .	3	0	Humbleyard . .	1	12
Einsford . . .	4	0			

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A letter from the Deputye Leiutents of Norffe to ye Lord Leiutenant.

May it please your good Lo^pp^,

We receyued at Thetford in ye time of the Assises soe many seuall letters, some of them from ye Lords of ye Counsell, and others from your Lo^pp^, as in y^t^ soe negotious a time we mistooke our selues in ye directions of our answers, especially in one of our letters, where in most of the spetiall business were recomēended, to ye more part wherof, we gaue imēediate answere, in regard ye day assigned vs for the same was the 10th of this moneth, and directed y^t^ to ye Lords of the Counsell, wheras the same should haue ben addressed to yor Lo^p^. By the letters of ye Lords it was required y^t^ we should haue espetiall care y^t^ all our Captaynes and their officers and ye Souldiers of the country, should be of sound religion, and for our better assurance thereof we should minister vnto euery of them the seuerall Othes of Supremacye and Allegiance.

The Oth of Allegiance we suppose y^t^ we may warrantablye minister vnto them. That of the Supremacye we conceyue we cannot offer without extreeme perill to our Selues.

Besides if at the time of our Musters we should performe it by our selues, that very business, would take vp the whole time y^t^ we have assigned for ye Muster and trayneinge.

We therfore humbly desire (if their Lo^ps^ shall think it fitt to be done, that as well for our safeties, as for ye husbandinge of time in this season of soe many and soe necessarye businesses, there may be a Commission sent vnto vs, vnder his Maties great Seale, for ye Comānding and warrantinge of the same vnto vs, and such as we shall depute vnto vs for that purpose: Intendinge to appoint for it the Captaynes of the seuerall bands both of Horse and foote, who may most aptlye doe it, their officers and souldiers inhabitinge in the same hundreds, where they dwell and neere vnto them.

Their Lo^ps^ were likwise pleased to Comānd vs that sale should be made of the Armour and militarye furnitures of the Recusants, and that the Armes should be sould, and the

monies therof cominge payde vnto themselues: wherof we hauinge considered, haue thought it agreinge with our duties, first to make knowen vnto yor Lo^{pp} that thereby would grow a greate decay both in Armour and Horses, the Recusants in this Countrye beinge charged with many, who although they be dispossessed of their Armes, yett doe at euery Muster, and Trayninge send men vnto vs to serue in their Armour, and those by espetiall charge by vs giuen unto them generally reputed of sounde Religion, and such as for their better testimonye therof will take both the Oth of Supremacye and Allegiance when they are required.

ge 24. Lastlye most noble Lord, giue vs leaue to present vnto you the strainge conceyts that this late demande of a Beneuolence proportionable to the supply intended by Parlim^{t} and the interlaced charges that are required to be putt vpon the Country by settinge forth of Shipps both by Linn and Yarmouth, hath put into the heades of ye generallitye of the people of our Countrye.

It is trew the euell succeedinge Attempts in other countries hath bredd a greate deale of backwardnes in this of owers.

And these present subsequent charges sought to be put vpon them towards settinge forth of Ships doe giue a greate discouragement vnto them, who say that the proportion intended to be giuen by the Parliment, was meant for ye supply of the whole charge of the Kinge and Kingdome, and that wth any more or other, they should not haue ben charged.

We assure yor Lo^{pp} we are exceedingle perplexed and grieued with the answere that in diuers parts of this countye hath ben giuen concerninge that required beneuolence: but not yett hauinge receyued a full answere, we forbeare at this present therin farther to enlarge our selues: And soe humblye recomendinge our selues vnto your Lo^{pp}, we rest—Yo^{r} Lo^{pps} humbly to be Comanded, Charles Cornewallis, Willm de Gray, Anthony Drurye, John Hare.

From East Deereham,
this 15th of August, 1626.

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The estimation of the charge of a Shipp of Warr of 200 Tunns in burthen to sett forth for 3 moneths furnished with twelue peeces of Ordinance, and 120 men, and victualled, &c.

	li	s.
The hyer of a Shipp at vij^{li} by ye moneth furnished with 12 peeces of Ordinance and prouision for them, as Budg Barrells, Ramers, Ladles, Spunges, Pruninge[2] Irons, Latten Cariages and other implements	210	0
24 Barrells of Pouder at 5^{li} 5^{s} the Barrell . .	126	0
24 100 Shott of all Sorts	20	0
200 of Match	4	0
40 Musketts with Bandalerous	40	0
60 halfe Pikes	3	0
40 Swordes with Belts	18	0
500 wait of Muskett Shott	3	0
Gunners Store for fyer works	20	0
Chyrourgions Chest	2	0
vj 100 wayt of Candles	12	0
Two tunns of Vineger	15	0
The Captaynes, the Masters, the officers and the mens wages, beinge in all 120 men . . .	393	15
Victualls for 3 moneths for 120 men, of Beefe, Beare, Biskett, Pease, Fish Cask and Salt . . .	400	0
Pursor in his Chest to prouide necessaries wich shalbe wantinge in the voiage	50	0
For other vnknowne Charges	100	0
Sum^{a} tota^{a} 1400	34^{li}	15^{s}

[2] Probably an error for priming.

A generall certificate of all the forces and bands both of Horse and foote within the Countye of Norff. made and certified to the Lo: Leiut^t of ye sayd Countye in ye yeare of our Lord, 1626.

Captaynes of the ffoote Bands.	Hundreds.	Pikes.	Musketts.	Powder	Match.	Bulletts	Pioners	Carriages.	Pioners Tooles.	Souldiers.	Captaynes of the horse Bands	Hundreds.	Launces.	Light Horses.	Petronells.
Sr Tho: Jenkinson Knight	Eastflegg	30	50	300	300	100	12	2	6	80					
Francis Mapes Esq.	Westflegg	35	55	330	330	232	9	3	58	90	Tho: Rug Esq.	East Flegg West Flegg Happinge Tunstead	0	25	15
James Scamler Esq.	Happinge	50	80	480	480	200	17	3	0	130					
Tho: Parker Esq.	Tunstead	70	100	600	600	150	20	4	60	170					
Sr Miles Hobert Knight	Blowfeild	35	55	330	330	200	8	2	83	90					
Richard Jenkinson Esq.	Walsham	35	55	330	330	200	8	2	45	90	Sr Richard Berney Barronett	Blowfeild Walsham Taũham Loddon Claueringe	0	25	15
Sr John Corbett Barronett	Tauerham	25	39	234	234	150	10	2	0	64					
Sr Robert Gaudye Knight	Lodden	60	90	540	540	200	18	4	0	150					
Anthonye Hobert Esq.	Claflinge	60	90	540	540	200	18	4	0	150					
John Hollande Esq.	Diss	45	75	450	450	200	16	3	45	120	Thomas Ward Esq.	Diss Deepwade Ersham Hensteade	0	25	15
Thomas Kniuett Esq.	Deepewade	80	120	780	780	300	22	5	0	200					
Bartholomew Cotton Esq.	Ersham	50	80	480	480	200	17	31	107	130					
Owen Sheepherd Esq.	Henstead	50	80	480	480	150	17	3	0	130	Sr Charles Le Gross Knight		80	0	0
Sr John Southwell Knight	Mettford	80	120	720	720	300	22	5	0	200					
Sr Tho: Woodhouse Barrt.	Forehoe and Hũbleyard	100	160	660 300	660 300	350 150	20 10	4 2	0	200					

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The Rendeuous.
Thes Companies are to repayre vnto Yarmouth vpon any intelligence of ye enemies approach neere there.

Edmund Mounde-deford Esq.	South Greenhoe	55	85	510	510	250	18	4	0	140
Sr William de Gray Knight	Waylande and Grimshoe	80	120	720	720	200 200	11 11	2 3	60	100 100
Framlingham Gaudy Esq.	Shropham Guiltcross and Thetforde	80	120	720	720	250 150 15	12 1	3 1 2	0	200
Sr Will: yeluertõ Kn^t Barronett	Landich	55	95	570	570	250	18	4	12	150
Sr Hamond le Strainge Kn^t	Smithdon	45	75	450	450	200	16	3	0	120
Robert Bacon Esq.	Gallow and Brothercross	40 25	60 35	360 210	360 210	200 100	14 8	3 2	0	100 60
John Riches Esq.	South Er-pingham	80	120	720	720	400	22	5	110	200
Robert Kempe Esq.	North Er-pingham	60	90	540	540	250	18	4	90	150
James Calthrope Esq.	North Greenhoe	50	80	480	480	200	17	3	0	130
Thomas Browne Esq.	Eynsford	55	95	570	570	250	18	4	48	150
John Potts Esq.	Holt	45	75	450	450	200	16	3	0	120
Sr Robert Bell Knight	Freebrigg Mershland	50	80	480	480	250	17	3	45	130
Richard Howell Esq.	Freebrigg Linn	50	80	480	480	250	17	3	0	130
Edmund Skip-with Esq.	Clackclose	55	95	570	570	300	18	4	60	150
The Clergie of Norff^k are to shew	of Pikes of Musketts	31 125 156								

Thomas Steward Esq.	Mettford fforehoe Humble-yard	0	25	15
John Web Esq.	So: Green-hoe Grimshoe Wayland Shropham Guiltcross	0	25	15
Robert Walpoole Esq.	Landich Smithdon Gallow Brother-cross	0	25	15
Thomas Layer Esq.	So: Erpingh No: ,, No: Gren-hoe Enfford Holt	0	25	15
Sr Robert Mordant Knight	Freebridge Mershland ffreebridg Linn Clackclose	0	25	15
The totall Sum of Launces, Light Horses & Petronells.		80	200	120

Christ Church hath for their defence Trayned men fullye furnished . . . 55

The Rendevous.
These Companies are to repayre to Wayborne Hoope vpon intelligence of ye enemies approach there.

The Towne of Gt. Yarmouth hath trayned souldiers fully furnished . . 200
The Towne of King's Linn hath . 100

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To the Lords of the Counsell.

May it please your Lo^{pps}, Our Humble dutye remembred.

We haue with all care and diligence in our seuerall deuisions in all parts of the Countye proceeded in his Maties seruice for ye obtayninge the ayd and free guift desired to be guien to his Highnes; we find the Countrye seuerally disposed in seuerall parts, some would giue more then after the Rate of one entire Subsedye, some lesse, most nothinge, alledginge seuerall reasons for such their deniall, where with that were too longe as we conceyue now to troble your Lo^{pps}, wherof heereafter we shalbe ready to render an account if your Honors shall require. Most of those that will giue haue offered with this caution, that other parts shall doe the like; and the whole sum̄ computed falls out to be soe small, as will not be worthy of acceptance, not amountinge to half a Subsedye. And whereas by late letters from your Lo^{pps}, it was aduised that we the Justices of Peace should by our forewardnes to giue be examples to the rest, Soe it is, that the sayd letters came soe late to our handes, as we hauinge conuented the Country in our seuerall deuisions before the receyte therof, could not accordingly pursue your Ho^{ble} directions. And forasmuch as we found the issue by our generall labours within the sayd countye, to be of soe small a moment, as is much vnder the expectation of yor Lo^{pps} bearinge date the 26th of Julye last past, and consideringe the paucitye of our selues, in respect of the generall Countye, we suppose that our free guift will not amount to a Sum̄ sutable to the nature of ye present motion and occasions. And what further we shall doe we humbly pray to be aduertised by your Lo^{pps}, and soe we rest.—Att yor Lo^{pps} Command, Sr John Corbitt, Sr William de Gray, Sr Tho: Herne, Dru Drurye, John Potts, Sr John Heuenyngham, Sr Hamond le Sraingе (*sic*), Sr John Hare, Edmund Moundeforde, Adam Scambeler, Owen Sheepheard.

East Deereham,
this 24 of August, 1626.

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A letter from the Lords of ye Counsell to the Lord Leiutent^ts^ of the seuerall Counties of England and Wales.

Vpon the certificate of Musters returned from sundry Lords Leiutenants of seuerall sheires of this Realme, we find it generallye complayned, that diuers principall Mansion howses and lands of value which haue heeretofore found horse and foote and shewed the same at the Musters towards the furnishinge of the Troopes and Bands of the Countye, are latelye possessed eyther by meane Tenants, or by the owners themselues, beinge new purchasors therof, and doe not now finde those Armes, wch those howses and lands in former times did, to the disfurnishinge of the Bands and by consequence to the weakninge of the strengh of those countryes and of the whole Kingdome. This beinge growne soe generall an inconueniencye and tendinge soe apparantly to the prejudice of his Maties seruice, we haue thought fitt at this time (espetially when it behoueth euerye one in his seuall to be viligant for ye publique safetye) to recomend it vnto your Lo^pp^ as we shall doe to all others the Lo: Leiuten^ts^ of all other Countries of this Realme, that within ye Countye wher you are Lord Leiuten^t^ you take espetiall care that ye trayned bands both horse and foote be kept vp in the full number they haue heeretofore ben at: And if you finde any Mannis Mansion houses or lands w^th^in the Countye haue formlye found horse or foote, by deuidinge it amongst coheyers, or by ye purchase of any new owners inhabitinge in the same, or in any other Sheire, or by ye cominge therof into the hands of any jointeress or Ten^ts^ in Dower, doe not furnish yor Musters wth such Armes as formlye they did, that you take order y^t^ the same be supplyed eyther by ye owners or Tennants, or occupiers therof: that such alteration of the owners or occupiers may be noe occasion to vnfurnish your Bands, but y^t^ they may be still supplyed and remayne entire and in their full number and strengh: And wheras vpon ye often instance made by vs to haue the Trayned Bands

exercised after the moderne forme, and accordinge to certayne directions sent, and a printed booke for the same purpose, many of the Counties did write to haue books sent vnto them; We haue now taken order for 500 books to be sent to euery Countye. Thus not doubtinge of your Lo^pps^ diligence and care to aduance this seruice, which soe much concerns the publique defence, and safetye of the Realme, and whereat his Matie hath an espetiall eye, and wherof he will expect a good Account, we bidd you, &c.—Yo^r^ Lo^pps^ verye louinge ffrends, Thomas Couentry, Maleborough, Manchester, Buckingham E. Conway, Jo: Sucklin, Ro: Nanton, Jo: Cooke, Richard Weston, Ju: Cesar.

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The Comssion into Norff.

Charles by the grace of God, &c. To our trustye and right wellbeloued Counseller Sr Tho: Couentry Kn^t^, Lo: Keeper of our greate Seale of England, and alsoe to our right trustye and welbeloued Cosens and Counsellers James Earle of Maleburge our high Treasurer of England, Will: Earle of Pembrooke Lo: Steward of our Houshould, and alsoe to our right trustye and right welbeloued Cosen, Ro: Earle of Sussex, and to our right trustye and right welbeloued Cosen and Counseller Theophilus Earle of Suff. and to our right trustye and right welbeloued Cosen Robert Earle of Warwick, Tho: Viscount Sauage; And likewise to ye Reuerend father in God, Samuell Bishopp of Norw^ch^, and to our Right trustye and welbeloued Counselours Sr Tho: Edmunds Kn^t^ Treasurer of our Houshold, Sr John Sucklin Kn^t^ Controler of our Houshould, Sr Humfrey May Kn^t^ Chancellor of our Duchey of Lancaster, and alsoe to our trusty and welbeloued Sr Tho: Trevor Kn^t^ one of the Barons of our Exchequer.

When the Impriall Crowne of this Realme descended first vpon vs we found our selues engaged in a Warr, vndertaken and entred into by our late Deare father of blessed memorye, not willinglye, nor vpon light and ill grounded counsell, but y^t^ by ye many prouocations of an ambitious enemye, and by

ye graue and deliberate counsells, and pswations of both the howses of Parlim^t vpon promise of their continuall assistance therin, and therby not our selues onlye and our owne people became thus engaged, but alsoe our frends and allies, and amongst them and above all others our deare vncle the most illustrious Kinge, ye Kinge of Denmark, who hath in his owne person embarqued himself in the sayd quarrell, whom in honor and reason of State we may not discarde, but by ye aduise of our Councell are resolued to assist him presentlye with men and monye, we euidently foreseinge y^t otherwise our comon enemye, will in an instant become Master of all Germanye, and consequentlye of all ye Port and part, where the mass and bulk of our cloth is vented, and whence we must furnish our selues of prouision for our Shippinge, wch how fatall it wilbe to vs and our people, may be discerned. But when we come to enter into this great worke, we found our Treasures exhausted, and our Coffers emptye, and our ordinarye reuenue, hardlye suffitient to support our ordinarye charge, much less to vndergoe soe extraordinarye a burthen as warr will produce. Our affayres thus standinge, wee beinge willinge to treade in the stepps of our Auncestores, with all conuenient speede we could we sumoned a Parlim^t: but not finding that success therein wch we had cause to expect, we are inforced to this course we are now resolued vpon, wch was hastened rather when our vnauoydable necessities both at home and abroade multeplyed vpon vs, when our enemies great and mightye preparations threaten vs both by sea and land daylye; and when the last disauster (the chance of warr) which hath fallen vpon our dearest vncle the kinge of Denmarke, to the endayngeringe of his Royall person, the hazardinge of his whole Armye, and the vtter dishartninge of all of our part, doe at once call vpon vs and crye in our eares, that not our owne Honor alone, and the subsistence of vs and of our people, the true religion of God, and the comon cause of Christendome professinge the true Religion with vs, are in apparente daynger irrepayrably, vnless not only a speedye but a present stopp be made to soe greate a breach,

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which cannot endure soe longe a delaye as the callinge of a Parlim^{t}. We therfore in case of this extremitye after diligent and deepe inquirye into all the wayes and meanes possible which are Honorable and just in cases of such inauoydable necessitye, haue at the last by ye aduise of our whole priuye counsell resolued to require the Ayde of our good and louinge Subjects, by lendinge vnto vs such a compotent Sum̄ of monye to be speedelye collected to our vse, as may enable vs to prouide for theire safeties and our owne: To be repayed to them soe soone as we shalbe any wayes enabled therevnto vpon shewinge forth the accquittance of the Collector testefyinge the receyt thereof, and these Sum̄s we are confident will readely and cheerfullye be lent vnto vs by our louinge Subjects, when they shalbe trulye informed from vs of what importance, and what necessitye that is which we now require of them: and when they shalbe assured by vs, which we faythfullye promise and vndertake in the worde of a Kinge, which we wilbe jealous not to breake wth our people, That not a pennye of these monyes which thus we borrow of them shalbe bestowed or expended, but vpon those publique and generall seruices only, wherin euerye of them and the bodye of the Kingdome, their wiues, children, and posteritye haue their p̄sonall and com̄on interest. Know yee therfore that we imposinge spetiall trust and confidence in your fidelities, industries and good discretions, haue nominated, constituted, and appointed you to be our Com̄issioners, authorisinge, willinge and com̄andinge, and by these presents doe authorise, will, and com̄and you and euery of you vpon your fayth and allegiance which you owe vnto vs, and vpon that dutye and fidelitye which you owe to your Religion and to the Com̄on wealth, that all other occasions sett apart, you or any two of you or more joyntlye or seuerally, (as in your wisdomes you shall conceyue fittest to aduance this our seruice) doe with all speede after the receyt of this our Com̄ission, at such and soe manye times and places as you shall conceyue fittest, call before you all such persons within the Countye of Norff., as by our instructions which we shall send you heere-

with, are appointed, and that yee acquaint them wth this our will and pleasure, and see it dutifullye, effectually, and speedelye performed accordinglye; which our instructions, we will and
Page 33. 1626. comande you exactlye and effectuallye to obserue and follow in all points, and therein to vse your best cares and diligence, and to returne the same with all speed you can possibley. And we authorise you or any two or more of you to minister an Oth vnto such persons and in such cases as in and by our sayd instructions are directed; and for your better assistance heerin, we doe heereby will and comand all Mayors, Sheriffe, Bayliffs, Constables, and all other our officers, ministers, and subjects that they and euery of them be helpinge, aydinge, and assistinge vnto you and euerye of you in the execution of this our Comission, and that you and they and euerye of them doe carefully, faythfully, and diligentlye entend this our most important seruice, as you or they doe any wayes respect and tender our Honor and the safetye of this kingedome, and as you and euerye of you will answere ye neglect thereof at your vttmost perills. In witness whereof we haue cavsed these our letters to be made Pattents. Wittness our selfe at Westminster the 20th day of October, in the seconde yeare of our Raigne.

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Instructions which our Comissioners for ye leuye of monye vnto vs in our Countye off Norffe, are exactlye and effectvally to obserue and follow.

1. First, with all speede after the receyte of this our Comission, yee assemble your selues together, and vpon conference and aduice betweene your selues together yee shall determine in what mann yee will proceed to this our Comission in the seurall parts and deuisions of this whole countye: and before your departing from the first place and time of your meetinge, you shall your selues (for a good example to others) lend vnto vs these seuerall sumes of monye which are heereby required for you to be lent, testified by the wrightinge of your names wth your owne hands, y^t^ when you shall require others in

our name to lend, they discerne your owne forewardnes, and that you doe not moue others to doe that which yee forebeare to doe your selues. The Lords and others of our priuye Counsell attendinge our person hauinge done alreadye the same, by the subscription of euerye of their names: and before your partinge, you shall cause those of that one hundred to appeere before you and proceede with them accordinge to this our Comission and instructions.

2. And bycause we would expedite this seruice and ease you of importunitye, and leaue noe way to partiall informations of others in the vnder or ouer ualvation of men's estates, wch is often subject to much error: we haue thought this to be the indifferent and equall way at conjecturinge at euery man's
ge 34. abilitye to lend by takinge those rates for your guide, at which they were assessed in the booke of the last Subsedye, and to require the loane of such monye onlye, as the entire rate and value comes vnto, at which they are there rated and sett: as namelye he that is sett at one hundred pounds in lands, to lend vs one hundred pounds in monye and soe after that rate for a more or less Sume: and he that is sett at one hundred pounds in goods to lend vs one hundred markes, and he that is sett at ten pounds in goods to lend vs twentye nobles, and soe pro Rata, for a greater or lesser Sume, and where there are bearers or contributors they shall assist the Subsedye man.

3. When you haue agreed between your selues of the seuerall dayes and places of your settinge, and which of you shall attend at euerye seuerall place of your meetinge in the seuerall parts of y^is^ Countye which we would haue you to appoint as speedelye as you may and to attend without intermission. You shall send your warrants vnder your hands, or the hands of two of you at the least, to the high Constables. petty Constables, and other officers of and in those seuall deuisions personallye to warne all such persons who are assessed for the last Subsedye, or to leaue such warninge in writeinge at their howses, that they fayle not to giue you meetinge at the times and places appointed by you; and that those officers to whom your warrants were directed fayle not

to giue in an Account to you of y^er^ seruice therin: and such as haue ben warned and doe not appeere before you at the day and place aforesayd, you shall send for by warrant and bynde them ouer to appeare before the Lords and others of our priuye Counsell.

4. That at euerye of these meetings when there is a conuenient number assembled, you vse all possible endeauours to cause euerye of them willinglye and cheerefullye to lend theise sum̄s vnto vs, openinge vnto them the necessitye, and vnavoydablenes of this course, and settinge before them that our Honor, the reputation of this nation, the true Religion and com̄on saftye of vs and our people and frends and allies are all engaged in this Com̄on cause, that there is noe time now of disputinge, but of actinge that which concernes our com̄on defence; and assuringe them that this course which is at this time enforced by necessitye, and to which noe ordinarye rules of Law can be prescribed, shall not be drawne into example and president.

5. That if you shall meete with any objections or scruples raysed, which may be impedim^ts^ to this our seruice, that you vse all diligence to remoue and satisfie them; and if any shall object, and whisper y^t^ if this way of raysinge monye take place, then noe Parlim^t^ hereafter shall be called, that yee satisfie such, that the suddayness and importance of the occasions are such as cannot possibly admitt of that delay, wch the Sum̄oninge, assemblinge, and dissoluinge of a Parlim^t^ doe necessarilye draw with it, and that it is farr from our harte
Page 35. to make anye such vse of the loue of our people, but that we are fullye purposed to call a Parlim^t^ as soone as fitlye we may, and as often as the Com̄on wealth and state occasions shall require it, and that by theire affections shewed vnto vs in this way of necessitye, they shall the sooner inuite the frequent vse of a Parlim^t^, beinge confident in the harts of our people. That yee appoint the dayes of paym^t^ of ye Sum̄s of monye to be lent vnto vs to be within 14 dayes, and perswade such as shalbe able, to pay it at one entire paym^t^, the better to accommodate our greate occasions which are present and

pressinge; but to such as in your discretions yee shall think it more conuenient, yee may accept of one halfe at 14 dayes, and the other half to be payd before the 20 day of December now next cominge.

6. That you treate a part with euery one of those who are to lend vnto vs and not in the presence or hearinge of any others vnless you see cause to the contrarye in your good discretions, and as euerye one doth giue consent, that yee cause him or her, to sett his or her name or mark in a booke, Roll, or list to be made by you testefyinge their assent, wth a marke or distinction for the times of payment accorded vnto: and if you shall finde anye who eyther shall denye to lend vnto vs or make delayes and excuses, lett them know they doe therby incurr our high displeasure; and if they persist in their obstinacye notw^th^standinge that then yee shall examine such persons vpon Oth, whether he hath ben dealt withall, perswaded, or practised with to denye or refuse to lend, or to make excuse for his not lendinge, who hath so dealt with him, and what speeches or what perswations he or they vsed tendinge to that purpose, and yee shall alsoe charge euerye such person in our name vpon his Allegiance not to disclose to anye other what his answere was, and yee shall enjoyne him in like manner to be forthcuminge and readye to attend vs, or our Counsell when he shalbe sent for to answere his neglect or contempt of vs in this case.

7. You shall shew your owne affections and zeale to this busines, and to our seruice in your effectuall dealinge with all men freelye, and cheerfullye to runn this course, and in vsinge yor powers, fauours and creditts which euerye of you haue in the Countrye amongst the gent̃, freehoulders and others to aduance this busines, that it may come of cheerefullye and roundlye, and that yee your selves by anye means discouer not anye couldnes or vnwillingenes to the seruice, wherby any others to their discouragem^t^ may gather that you haue no hart to the worke, although for formes sake you must take it vpon you, beinge imployed therein, but that in your owne persons you hartely and reallye entend it

as a worke of infinite importance to our seruice and safetye of the Comon Wealth.

8. That in treatinge with yor neybours about this busines see you shew yor owne discretions and affections, by makinge choise of such to beginn with, who are likelye to giue the best examples, and when yee haue a Competent number of hands to ye Roll or list of ye leaders, y^t you shew ye same to others as they come before you, to leade them to lend in the like manner.

Page 36. 9. You shall obserue, and discouer by all good wayes and meanes whether any publikelye or vnderhand be workers or perswaders of others to dissent or dislike from this course, or to hinder the good dispositions of anye other to lend vnto vs, and as much as you may yee shall hinder all discourses about it. And yee shall certefie our Priuye counsell in writinge of the names, qualityes and dwellinge places of all such refractorye persons with all speede, and espetially if you shall discouer any combination or confederinge agaynst these our proceedings.

10. Yee shall lett all men know whome it shall concerne, that we are well pleased vpon lendinge these Sums required to remitt all that which by letters in our name was desired vpon the late Beneuolence as a free guift: and if any haue alreadye payd to our vse anye such sum, that the same be accepted for soe much as in part of this loane. And if it exceede the Sume desired to be lent, that the ouerplous should be repayed vnto them without fee or charge. In which cases you are to take precise notice of theise seuerall cases when they shall happen, and certefie vs distinctlye therof, vpon the returne of this Comission.

11. Likewise if since the last parliam^t any haue receyued Priuye Seales, our pleasure is, y^t if they haue not alreadye payd in anye monies thervpon, that they agreeinge to the loane of the sume required, be excused of the payment of the Priuye Seales, and if they haue alreadye payd vnto our exchequer, or to any Collectors to our vse any such sums of monye vpon these priuye Seales, if the sums be less then

the monye now desired to be lent, it shalbe accepted in part of payment therof; if it be more the surplusage therof vpon demand shalbe repayde without fee or other charge, and these our Instructions together with your certificate thereof shalbe a suffitient warrant for the same.

12. If yee eyther know or finde any able person not sett in ye last Subsedye, that yee deale with euerye such inhabitant in the same man̄, and accordinge to the same proportion as is held with other Subsedye men, accordinge to your Judgm^ts^ and best discretions, and inserte the names and Sum̄s in the booke, Roll, or List, amongst the other of them: But yee are not to admitt of any sute to be made, or any reasons to be giuen for abatinge, the time and the instant occasions, not now admittinge anye such speech, which would but disturbe and protracte the seruice: but where you shall finde pouertye and disability ther to vse discretion when it comes to be Collected.

13. That yee appoint such and soe manye fitt and able persons to be Collectors of the Sum̄s of monye within this Countye as you shall thinke fitt, of whome you shall take good bands, for the true payment of the Sum̄s they shall receyue. The Collectors are to pay in the monies into the receyte of our Exchequer without fee or reward w^th^in 14 dayes after the receyte therof: and soe soone as yee haue finished
p 37. this seruice, which we require you to performe with all possible speede and diligence; yee are to certefie vnto our priuye Counsell the names of the Collectors, who shall have such allowance made to them by our Lord Treasurer as shalbe fitt, and the names and Sum̄s of the seuerall persons, who thus shall lend vnto vs, together with the booke, roll, or List therof.

14. Yee shall deliuer to euerye Collector nominated by you a perfitt Transcript vnder your hands or vnder the hands of two of you of the names and Sum̄s of the Seuerall persons promisinge, and vndertakinge to lend vnto vs: And the Collector who receyueth the monyes shall upon the receyte thereof deliuer an acquittance for the same or soe much as he receyueth, which shalbe a suffitient warrante for the

repayment therof vnto the lender, and a suffitient testimonye that he hath payd the same, and euerye such Collector within the 14 dayes before limited is to pay in the monies within his Collection as aforesayd, or returne vnder his hand in writinge the names of all such as refused or neglected to pay vnto him ye Sum̄s expressed.

15. And if any of the Com̄issioners shalbe absent from ye execution of this seruice, which we hope will not be, that the rest of you the Com̄issioners certefie the names of those that make default, as alsoe the names of all such, who vpon theise sum̄ons, doe not come and attende you.

16. And we doe heerebye explayne and declare, that the charge giuen by the sayd Com̄ission, or by these our Instructions vpon fayth and Allegiance to attende this seruice, be not meant or intended to anye of our Priuye Counsell, for that they are daylye imployed otherwise in our seruice, nor to any Peere of this Realme, not resident in the Countye where he is named a Com̄issioner, nor to any other, that by our spetiall directions is otherwise employed in our seruice.

And these our Instructions we require and Com̄ande you, vpon fayth and Allegiance vnto vs, to keepe secrett vnto your selues and not report or disclose to anye other.

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To the Lords Com̄issioners for the Loane in the Seuerall Counties.

After our hartye com̄endations to yor Lo^pp^s^,

Wheras we haue ben informed from some of the Com̄issions for the Loane in seuerall Counties, that in execution of that seruice, they meete with some persons who make scruple of subscribinge their names and alsoe to lay downe the Sum̄s demanded of them: and that they meete with others who beinge appointed collectors for the sayd Loane, refuse to take vpon them the execution therof; We hauinge acquainted his Matie therew^th^all and receyued his Royall pleasure therin, doe in pursuance therof, heereby Authorise and require yor Lo^ps^, That for all such persons, w^th^in that County, as shall make tender of the loanes demanded of them that you accept the

same, without pressinge them to subscribe, ffor that as for the pressinge occasions of the publique now stand his Matie will take that for a good seruice (the forme of subscribinge their names and Sum̄s beinge to noe other end, then that the Collectors might the more readelye know, what to demand and of whome): and for such persons as beinge by you appointed Collectors by vertue of his Maties Com̄ission and Instructions, shall refuse to execute the same (it beinge for a publique seruice, which in dutye they ought not to refuse) that you binde them ouer to answere their contempts before this Board, and soe we bidd your Lo^ps^ very hartely farewell. From Whit Hall, the 30th of Nouem^r^, 1626.—Yo^r^ Lo^ps^ verye louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentry, Theo: Suffe, Henry Kanbury Edmunds, Ro: Nanton, Rich: Weston, H. Manchester, George Hay Kellye, Dud: Carleton, J. Coke, Jul: Cesar, Humphry May.

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To the Sheriff of the Countye of Norffe.

By vertue of his Maties Com̄ission to vs whose names are heere vnder written, and others directed concerninge a Loane to his Matie for the defence of Religion, support of his Maties frends and Allies, and safetye of his Kingdomes: These are to will and require you in his Maties name forthwith vpon ye receyt heerof, to send forth yor warrants to all Mayors, High Constables, Petty Constables, and other his ministers w^th^in ye diuisions and hundreds heere vnder mentioned, strictlye charginge and com̄andinge them to giue notice and warninge to all and euery such person and persons as were assessed in ye last subsedye within the limitts aforesayd, and in case any of them be dead or gone out of the limitts, then to such persons to whom theire estates be come, or are in theire places: and alsoe to all other able persons inhabitinge within ye sayd limitts fitt to be Assessed in the Subsedye: that they and euye of them (all excuses sett apart) fayle not to appeare before vs and other his Maties Com̄ission̄s, and at the dayes and places heerunder mentioned by eight of ye Clock in the morneinge. And in case any person be soe disabled by sicknes

or any other ineuitable occasion that he cannot appeare before vs; that then he send one suffitientlye authorised to answere for him touchinge ye sayd Loane. And you are farther to require euy of ye said Constables and ministers to appeare at the times and places aforesayd, and to bringe with them in writinge the names of all persons sumoned to appeare, and the times when they gaue euery of them warneinge. And heereof we require you not to fayle as you tender his Maties seruice. Giuen vnder our hands at Whitehall, 24th of Dec. 1626.—Tho: Couentry C.S., Jo: Sucklinge, T. Edmunds, Humphry May.

The Hundreds of	Tunsteade Happinge Westflegg Eastflegg Tauham Forehoe Humbleyard Hensteade Clauering and Loddon Eynfforde Ersham Diss Blowfeild Giltcross	at ye Pallace of ye Lo: Bis: of Norwich wth in Christ Church ye 12th of Jan: next.
The Hundreds of	Freeb mershland Clackclose Freeb citra Linn Smithdon Gallon Brothercross Landitch Southgreenehoe Grimshoe Waylande Northgreenehoe Holt	At ye Towne hall in Linn on Munday ye 15 of Janu: next.

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To the Sheriff of the County of Norffe.

By vertue of his Maties Comission to vs whose names are heerevnder written, and others directed corcerninge a Loane to his Matie for ye defence of Religion, support of his frends and Allies, and saftye of his kingdomes. These are therfore to will and require you in his Maties name forthwth vpon receyt heereof to Sumon and giue warninge vnto euery Comission heerevnder named to appeare and meet for the execution of the sayd Comission on the 12 day of January next, by 8^{t} of the Clock in ye morninge at the Pallace of the Lo: Bishop of Norw^{ch} withn Christs Church, neere the Citty of Norw^{ch}: and you are to giue such timelye warninge to euerye Comissioner that he may not fayle to attend, vnless it be in case of ineuitable necessitye of sicknes or disabilitye to trauell, in wch cases you are to warne them to send some suffitiently authorised to answere for them touching this Loane: and vpon the sayd sumons, you are to require euy of them not to fayle, vpon their Allegiance to his Matie and as they will answere the neglect thereof at their vttmost perills.

And to the end his Matie may be truly informed where the fault is (if any default shall happen) These are to require you, yor Bayliffs and Sumoners at the time aforesayd to appeare before vs, and to returne vnto vs the warrants, with ye day and place when and where each Comissioner was sumoned, and by whom: and heerof we require you not to fayle as you tender his Maties seruice, and will answere the contrarye at your perills. Giuen vnder our hands at White Hall, this 24th of Decem^{r} 1626.—Tho: Couentry C.S., Jo: Sucklinge, T. Edmunds, Humphry May.

Comissions for the Loane in the County of Norff.

Samuell Lo: Bp of Norwch
Sr Edm: Bacon Knt & Barrot
Sr Lionell Talmach Kt & Barrot
Sr John Hobert Knt & Barrot
Sr Tho: Woodhouse Knt & Barrot
Sr Rogr Townsende Barronett
Sr Le Strainge Mordant Barrot
Sr Richard Barney Barronett
Sr William Yeluerton Barrot
Sr Henry Jernegan Barronett
Sr John Corbitt Barronett
Sr Charles Cornewallis
Sr Thomas Jermyn
Sr Arthur Heuenyngham
Sr William Woodhouse
Sr John Heuenyham
Sr Anthonye Drurye
Sr William De Gray
Sr Hamond Le Strainge
Sr Henry Spelman
Sr Augustine Palgraue
Sr Robert Gaudye
Sr Thomas Hearne
Sr Thomas Southwell
Sr Robert Bell
Sr Thomas Deereham
Sr John Hare
Sr Charles le Gross
Tho: Atthowe Seirgeant at Law
Edmund Sucklinge Deane of Norwch
Andrew Binge Dr in Diuinitye
Clement Corbett Dr of Law
Drue Drurye
Miles Hobert
Framlingham Gaudye
Anthony Hobert
John Smith
Owen Sheephard
John Jermye
William Dennye
John Potts
Adam Scambler
Edmound Moundeford
Francis Mapes
Francis Parlett
Thomas Holl
Charles Sucklinge
Elias Brantingham
Edmund Reeue
Charles Louell
Edmund Doyle

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To the Bayliff of Clackclose.

Charles le Gross Knight, high Sheriff of the Countye of Norffe, to the Bayliff of the hundred of Clackclose, greetinge. By vertue of a warrant from the Right Honorable Sr Thomas Couentrye Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, Sr Thomas Edmonds Knight, Sr John Sucklinge Knight, Sr Humphry May Knight, Comissions, by vertue of a Comission

for a loane to his Matie to me directed; I doe will and require and in his Maties name straightly charge and Com̄ande that forthwith vpon the receyte heereof, you Sum̄on and giue warneinge vnto euery Com̄issioner heerevnder named to appeare and meete for the execution of the sayd Com̄ission on the 12 day of Januarye next, by eight of the Clock in the Morneinge, at ye Pallace of the Lo: Bishop of Norw^{ch}, within Christs Church neere to ye Cittye of Norw^{ch}, and to giue them such timelye warneinge, that they may not fayle to attende, vnless it be in case of ineuitable necessitye of sicknes, or disabilitye to trauell; in which cases you must warne them to send some suffitientlye authorised to answere for them touchinge the Loane, vpon which sum̄ons you shall require them and euery of them not to fayle vpon their Allegiance to his Matie and as they will answere the neglect therof at their vtmost perills; and that you your self be likwise present, to make returne of this warrant vnto me, with the day and place where the Com̄ission was sum̄oned and by whome. And heereof fayle you not, as you tender his Maties seruice and will answere the contrarye at your perill. Giuen vnder the Seale of myne office, the 28th of December, 1626, in the seconde yeare of his Maties Raigne.—Ric: Sayer subvic̃, Sr Henry Spelman Kn^{t}, Sr Thomas Deereham Kn^{t}, Sr John Hare Knight, Tho: Atthowe Seirgeant at Law.

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To the High Constables and vnder Constables of the Hundred of Clackclose.

Charles le Gross Knight high Sheriff of the Countye of Norff, to the high Constables, vnder Constables and other ministers wthin the Hundred of Clackclose: By vertue of a Warrant to me directed from the Right Honorable Sr Thomas Couentry Knight Lo: Keeper of the greate Seale of Englande, Sr Thomas Edmonds, Sr John Sucklin, Sr Humphry May Knights, Com̄issioners for a loane to his Matie. I doe Com̄and you and euery of you iointlye and seuerally, that forthwith vpon the receyt heereof, you giue notice and warneinge to

all and euerye such person and persons as were assessed in the last Subsedye within your limitt, and in case any of them be deade or gone out of your limitt, then to such persons to whome their estates be come, or are in their places; and alsoe to all other able persons inhabitinge within your limitt fitt to be assessed in the Subsedye, that they and euerye of them (all excuses sett apart) fayle not to appeare before his Maties Comissioners at the Towne hall in Linn vpon Munday the 15th day of January next, by eight of the clock in the forenoone of the same day, and in case any person be soe disabled by sicknes or any other occasion y^{t} he cannot appeare, that then he send one suffitiently Authorised to answere for him touchinge the sayd loane: And farther y^{t} you your selues appeere at the time and place afore sayd, bringinge wth you in writinge the names of all such persons by you sumoned and the times when you gaue them Sumons. And heerof I require you not to fayle as you tender his Maties seruice. Giuen vnder the Seale of my office this 28th day of December, 1626, in the Second yeare of his Maties Raigne.—Ric: Sayer Subvic.

Page 43. Jan. 26, 1626.

To the Comissioners for the Loane in the Countye of Norffe.

After our hartye Comendations, his Matie hauinge ben particularlye informed with what affections and cheerefullnes you caried your selues for the aduancem^{t} of this seruice in the busines of the Loane, hath comanded vs to signifie vnto you, that he taketh your proceedings in verye gratious part, nothinge doubtinge but that as your example and carefull endeauours haue alreadye wrought very good effects, soe your constant persecution therof, which he doth accordinglye expect, will in such sort perfect that which is begunn, as shall giue his Matie entire satisfaction. Wherin you are to obserue and consider, that as well the season of the yeare, as the pressinge occasions require a speedye returne of those monyes which are soe willinglye lente: And soe we bidd you very hartely

farewell. From White Hall, this 26 of January, 1626.—Yo^r verye louinge ffrends, Thomas Couentry C.S., Marleborough, Manchester, Exeter; George Hay, Kelly, T. Edmonds, Jo: Sucklinge.

Postscript.

You are in your seuerall deuisions to call vpon and hasten the Collectors, and if there be any stay to remoue the same: which if you cannot effect to certifie this Board. Touchinge the garde of the Coasts his Matie purposeth to haue espetiall care thereof.—Jo: Dickerson.

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To the Comissioners for the Loane in the Countye of Norff.

After our hartye Comendations: We haue seene the letter written by you Owen Sheapard Esq., the 5^t of this moneth to Mr Controler a member of this Board, and one of his Maties Comissioners for the Loanes in that countye, wherin you present manye difficultyes that arise, whereby the seruice is hindered, to which you shall receyue answere. First concerninge those you finde to be decayed since the last Subsedye and such as are out of the Countye, We think it reasonable that you spare the first, and for the seconde they wilbe found where they are resident, vnless they be such as withdrawe them selues for a time of purpose, meaneinge after to returne, in wch case you are to take notice of them, and to returne their names as if they had refused; for those that plead payment at ye Court as officers and seruants to his Matie and Lawyers at the Inns of Court, you are not to admitt such answeres w^thout certificates, And for weomen if they be of abilitye we see noe reason why they should be exempted, seeinge the monyes are to be employed for the Publique defence of the kingdome, wherin they haue as greate interest as others. For the towne lands in the Countye they are to contribute towards this seruice, wch concerneth the safetye of his Matie and the Publique defence of his Realme, as well as they doe in all other Counties of this kingdome. And for such as

haue ben warned and haue not appeared, you are to certefie their names to this Board. For those Collectors which you finde Suffitient and honest men, you may proceede accordinge as you haue alreadye determined. And soe we bidd you heartelye farewell. From White Hall, this 23th of February, 1626.—Yor louinge ffrends, Thomas Couentry C.S., Marleborough, Manchester, Kelly, Grandison, D. Careleton, Tho: Edmonds, Jo: Sucklinge, Jo: Coke, Rich: Weston, Ju: Cesar, Humphry May.

Page 45. Feb. 23, 1626.

To the Comissioners for the Loane in the Countye of Norffe.

After our heartye comendations: This Board hauinge ben informed that there are diuers persons in the six hundreds of Tunstead, Happinge, Tauerham, Forehowe, Humbleyard and Mettford, in the Countye of Norff, and of other hundreds in the sayd countye, some wherof haue ben warned, and haue not appeared; and others that haue appeared and consented to the sum required of them, but not payde: ffor as much as this seruice is of that importance, beinge for the safetye of his Matie and the defence of his kingdomes, as it cannot admitt eyther any excuse or delay. We haue thought good heerby to send you downe T. W. one of the messengers of his Maties chamber, with order and authoritye to bringe before you such as vpon conference with the Collectors of those hundreds you shalbe informed haue neglected to pay; hopeinge that by your good example and perswations they may be brought to conformetye, and thereby redeeme them selues from farther troble; but if they persist in their obstinate and peruerse humours, then to bringe them hether, to answere before vs this their greate contempt, and for the same to be farther dealt withall, as we shall see cause. And soe we bidd you heartelye farewell. From White Hall, the 23th of February, 1626.—Yor louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentry C.S., Marleborough, Manchester, Kellye, Grandison, Tho: Edmonds, John Sucklinge, D. Carleton, Ju: Cesar, Humphrey May.

46. 1, **To our verye louinge ffrends the Deputy Leiutents in the Countye of Norffe.**

After our hartye Comendations; We haue ben informed by letters from the Towne of Yarmouth, that the Dunkirks haue latelye not only robbed a Shipp vpon the coast laden wth corne but after they had done and sett the shipp on fier, shewed themselues verye insolent, in disgraceinge and scorninge our nation, to the veiu of many beholders, beinge not farr from ye Shore: where if they had attempted to land as they might haue done,) beinge 2 or 300 of them; it would haue ben noe hard matter for them to haue done much mischeife in the Countrye: for there was noe Pouder, to furnish those that came downe with theire Musketts to the place where the daynger was to defend themselues. We could not but take notice of this neglect espetially seinge ther is a gent: R. Barrett, who hath prouided by order of the Deputye Leiut^s^ of that Countye, great store of Powder at Norw^ch^, wch lyeth vpon his hands, and he wanteth markett for it, which we doe make knowne vnto you to preuent excuses, and to put you in minde to take such order for the Country, that it may be furnished better heereafter vpon all occasions, whereof we pray and require you to take spetiall care. And soe we bidd you heartelye farewell. From White Hall, this first of February, 1626.—Yo^r^ louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentry C.S., Marleborough, Exeter, Manchester, Tho: Edmunds.

Postscript.

We giue you this prouisionall direction for the present, and for your comfort lett you know that his Matie will speedelye take order for the defence of these Coasts.—Wi: Thrumball.

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A letter to the Lo^s of the Counsell from ye Deputy Leiut^s in Norff.

We haue receyued your Lo^pps letter dated the first of Februarye last past, wherin we finde that your Honors haue ben informed that there should be some neglect in vs, in not hauinge Powder in a readines for such as repayred to the Sea side, to withstand the insolencies of the Dunkerkers, that haue latelye robbed and fired a Shipp vpon our coast: In answere of which we humblye tender to your Honors consideration our iust defence concerninge the aforesayd information. These late insolencies were comitted vpon the coast lyinge vpon the Hundred of Tunstead, the prouision of which hundred is layd vp, and now is in a readines in the towne of Tunstead within the sayd Hundred, beinge the most commodious and safest place for ye defence of y^t part of the Coast, it beinge seauen or 8 miles from the Sea, and noe other conuenient place for the stoare of the same, to be kept in safetye from perill by incursion of ye enemye, which beinge most vncertaine in what place they will attempt, it wilbe verye difficult in a moment of time, to bringe the prouisions of the Hundred to such a place, and more dayngerous to leaue it where it may be surprised by the enemye. And therfore to meete with such inconueniencyes, we haue directed that euerye man charged wth Armor lyinge vpon the Coasts shall haue a conuenient quantetye of Powder lyinge by him, (besides the prouisions of the sayd Hundred) agaynst anye such suddayne assault. And as concerninge yor Lo^pps intimation vnto vs of one Mr Barretts direction for the prouision of Powder for the Countye of Norff by order of the Deputy Leiutenants: We humbly answere; we doe not remember there was any such publique act by the votes of all, or most of vs consented vnto; of which when there is neede, (beinge furnished by the sayd Mr Barrett, at such reasonable rates as else where wee may be prouided) we shall willinglye disburthen him of such prouision of Powder. Soe rendringe yor Lo^pps manye humble thankes, for ye care you haue of

the defence of our coasts, we will euer obay your Honors comands and remayne in all seruiceable respects, Att your Lo^ps^ Comandem^ts^, Roger Townshend, Charles Cornwallis, Willm de Gray, Anthony Drury, John Hare.

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His Maties letter to the Lo: Leiutent of the Countye of Norff.

Charles Rex.—Right trustye and right welbeloued Cosen, we greet you well. Our deare vncle the Kinge of Denmarke hauinge at the instance of our late deare father of euer blessed memorye, and other confederate princes and states; but principallye at our deare fathers and our instigation engaged himself in a warr agaynst the house of Austria, vpon promise of assistance by men and monye from ye interessed Princes and States: and hauinge by his Armes made a strong diuition of the enemies forces, and kept them from fallinge downe vpon these parts; we find it both Ho^ble^ and most important to the publique cause to support our deare vncle with such assistance as may encorage him to proceede in those Royall wayes of force that he hath begunn, to giue a stopp to the ambitious designes of the enemye, and restore peace to Christendome. And bycause our deare vncle doth at this time stand in greate neede of a supply of men to make vp those defects and losses, wch accidents of Warr haue this last sumer cast vpon his armye, wth soe great disaduantage, as vnless some present supply be sent, he wilbe inforced to make his owne conditions, prouide for his particular safetye and desert the comon cause. We haue thought good to send presentlye to our sayd deare vncle the fower Regiments in our pay in the Low Countries, and to the end those forces may come compleate, and be vsefull in that great work, of reinforceinge our deare vncles Armye; we are pleased to make vp the defects of those 4 Regiments by new leuies from hence: and doe heereby authorise and require you to cause one hundred and fiftye able and seruiceable men for y^e^

Warr, to be leuied in that County vnder your Leiutenancye, and to obserue in the choyse of the men, and the orderinge and disposinge of them such directions as you shall heere with receyue by letters from our Priuye Counsell: which seruice we expect you cause to be performed with such care and diligence, as the importance of ye occasion requires, and as you tender that greate and good cause, to ye assistance wherof these forces are designed: And these our letters shall be your suffitient warrant. Giuen vnder our Signett at our Pallace of Westm^r, the 9th of Februarye, in the second yeare of our Raygne.

Page 49. Feb., 1626.

A letter from the Lo^s of ye Priuy Counsell to ye Lo: Leiut: of ye Countye of Norff.

After our very hartye comendations to yor good Lo^p; by his Maties letters sent heerewith, you shall vnderstand his pleasure and intention for the leuiynge of 150 footemen, wth in ye County of y^r leiutenancye, by wch letters you are referred to vs for such instructions and directions as shalbe needfull for y^t seruice. We haue therfore thought good hereby to pray and require yor Lo^p that aboue all things there be espetiall care had in ye choyse of the men, y^t they be of able bodies and yeares meete for this employm^t, and well clothed; but none of them to be taken out of ye trayned bands, wch you are still to keepe entire: Care is likewise to be taken, and express order to be giuen, y^t ye men to be leuyed be by their conductors brought from ye place of their leuyinge to ye port of Harwich, by the 25th of March next, there to be embarqued and transported vnder such captaynes or officers as shalbe appointed to receyue them there. And for y^t in respect of ye diusitye of their seuall habitations, it wilbe vncertayne what conduct monye will suffice them to ye Sea side, which was accustomed to be an halfpennye for a mile; we think it better by reason of the incertaynetye therof, that they be allowed their ordinary pay of viij^d by ye day, from

the time they shalbe assembled, and deliud to ye sayd conductors, vnder whose leadinge they are to march by reasonable Journies to ye place of their embarquinge, wch we expect shall not be vnder 15 Miles in a day, and for ye mony soe allowed for ye conduct of them, wee thinke it fitt, and yor Lo^p is accordingly to giue order, y^t ye same be for ye present disbursed by ye Country, beinge agreable to the presidents of former times vpon like occasions of seruice, and ye Country to be repayed the same, vpon Account therof made, out of his Maties Exchequer: and wee doe likewise pray and require your Lo^p y^t at ye deliuy of ye men to ye conductors aforesayd, ye number and qualities of ye persons may be receyued by Indenture betweene the sayd Conductors, and such of the Country, as shall haue ye charge by yor Comandem^t to see ye men deliud: wherof one Duplicate is to be sent to this Board, to ye end y^t there may be an account giuen, when the same shalbe required. Lastly we expect from y^r Lo^pp a perfect note of the number of men y^t are sent out of that Countrye, and how many dayes they are marchinge to ye place of their embarquinge, wherevpon our very good Lo: ye Lo: Threasurer, and Mr Chancelor of ye Exchequer, will take order for ye rapaym^t of ye Coate monye, and likewise for ye conduct monye, after ye rate of 15 miles a day. And soe not doubtinge of yor espetiall care in due performance heerof, We bidd yor Lo^p very heartely farewell. From White Hall, the last of February, 1626.—Yo^r Lo^ps very louinge ffrends, Buckingham, Montgomery, Manchester, Suff, Marleborough, Exeter, Salisburye, Rich: Weston, Tho: Edmonds, Julius Cesar.

As for ye Coate and conduct monye for ye Souldiers formly pressed out of ye County in ye expedition for Cales, y^t is to be repayed to ye Country out of the Loane monies accordinge to such directions as you shall receyue heere with from our very good Lo: ye Lo: Threasurer and Mr Chancelor of ye Exchequer.

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To the Right Honoble our verye good Lord the Earle of Arundell and Surrey, his Maties Leiut of the Countye of Norff.

After our verye hartye Comendations to yor good Lopp; wheras the Right Honoble the Lo of his Maties most Honoble priuye Counsell haue ordered that the monyes due to seuerall countyes of this kingdome, for the Coate and Conduct monye, for the Souldiers seruinge in the expedition to Cales, shalbe payd and satisfied out of ye monye proceedinge of the Loanes to his Matie in euye particular countye, These are therfore to pray and authorise your Lopp or in your absence your Deputye Leiutes or any two of them, to receyue into your hands soe much of the monyes of the loanes of ye County of Norff from such of the Collectors as shall haue leuied ye same as the Coate and Conduct mony for ye number of 400 men leauyed in that Countye for the sayd expedition to Cales shall amount vnto after the rate of 4s for euerye Coate, and viijd a day for Conduct monye of euerye Souldier from the place where he was pressed vnto the Randeuous at Plimouth, accountinge 15 miles for euerye dayes Journey, from the first day they sett forth inclusiue, vnto ye place of the Rendeuous; and allowinge 4s a day for the wages of euerye conductor of one hundred and fiftye men, or fewer; wch we pray your Lopp, or your Deputye Leiuts as aforesayd to see soe issued and distributed, as may giue best satisfaction to the Country, giuinge Acquittances vnder your Lops hand, or vnder the hands of your Deputye Leiuts, or any two of them vnto euye the sayd collectors from whom the sum of monye shalbe receyued by vertue heereof; vpon sight wherof the sayd collectors and euerye of them, shall haue such discharge by tallye in the exchequer, as if they had reallye payd their monye into the Receite, accordinge to his Maties warrant of Priuye Seale directed vnto vs in that behalfe. And soe we bidd your Lopp verye hartelye ffarewell.—Yor lopps very louinge ffrends, Marleborough, Rich: Weston.

White Hall,
the 2d of March, 1626.

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To my verye louinge ffrends, my Deputye Leiuts both in the Countye of Norff, and Cittye of Norwch these dd.

After my hartye Comendations; I haue a while since receyued letters from his most excellent Maties most Honoble priuy Counsell, wherein is Comanded that 150 footemen should be forthwth leuied within the Countye of Norff and cittye of Norwch, to be brought by their Conductors to the port of Harwich, by ye 25th of this present March, there to be receyued by such officers as shalbe appointed. Now forasmuch as I vnderstoode of some intention in theire Loppes of sparinge the maritine Counties, and knew wth all the many losses that Countye doth suffer by the continuall infestation of the Dunkerks, I desired that you might be spared; but as yett receyuinge noe answere therevnto, and the time now almost expired, I haue thought best to dispatch my letters vnto you, with true coppies of his Maties and their Loppes, to the end that you may perfectlye see their comands and directions heerein, and thereby you may punctuallye obserue them as heeretofore you haue done; onlye this I must add, that in regard these letters haue stayed in your fauour, you would now vse the more diligence and care in puttinge them in speedye and perfect execution. Heere is withall a letter from the Lo: Threasurer and Mr Chancelor of the Exchequer, authorisinge and appointinge repayment of the Coate and Conduct monye layd out by the Countye for 400 men leuied for Cales expedition, giuinge particular instructions therein, vnto which, as vnto the effect of the other letters I doe wholye referr you: soe agayne requiringe your solicitous care heere in I rest, Yor verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell house,
the 20th of March, 1626.

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The allowance by the Kinge to the Countrye, to be repayed to them accordinge to ye letters rec: from the Right Honoble ye Lo: Threasurer and Sr Richard Weston Knt Chanceller of his Maties Exchequer, Touchinge ye expedition for Cales.

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The King's charge allowed by ye same letters for 300 men impressed and Conducted to Plimouth from Norwch, at 18 dayes iournye and viijd a day	210	0	0
The Wages for three Conductors at 18 dayes their pay 4s a day	10	16	0
The King's allowance for 350 Coates at 4s the Coate	70	0	0
Summa totale of the King's charge	290	16	0

Which is to be repayed to the Countrye by Mr Goffe, one Collector of the Loane for ye sayd Countye, accordinge to ye letters receyued as abouesayd: which Mony is to be deliud vnto Sr William de Gray Knt one of the Deputye Leiutte accordinge to ye warrant receyued from vs; and the sayd sume to remayne there to ye Countries vse, vntill ye next necessarye and vsefull imployment therof.—William de Gray, Anthony Drury, John Hare.

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Mar. 20,
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To the Cheife Constables of the seuᵒall Hundreds in ye County of Norffe.

For as-much as it euidently appeareth vnto vs, yt besides the longe disuse of Armes in these late times of Peace; ther is nothinge that hath more disabled the people of this kingdome from the warlike and militarye abilityes, then the want and neglect of those manlike exercises whervnto in former times they were soe continuallye accustomed: espetiallye of Archerye, runninge, wrestlinge, leaping, footeball playinge, castinge the sledge or hamer, and in playinge at Cudgells: all which hauinge ben of much vse to increase their strenghes, their abilities and their courages, are now become changed

and transformed, and as well we may terme it, drowned in a most sensuall and sinfull applyinge them selues vpon the Lord's day and other holy dayes and dayes of rest and recreation, to drinkinge and consuminge both their times and their substances in alehowses, to the greate offence of God, the great impouerishm^t of the Country, and to ye great disablinge and makinge vnfitt their bodies for Martiall seruices. We haue thought it verye necessarye to omitt noe longer by all the wayes and meanes we cann, to reduce the people to the sayd warlike exercises and recreations vpon these holye dayes of play at time conuenient: As alsoe in the same to restrayne them from those howses of dissolution, and excess in drinkinge: And doe therfore by these will and require you that you cause vpon such dayes ye Constables, Churchwardens and Ouerseers of the poore, or two of them at the least after diuine seruice ended to charge all such as are to finde bowes and arrowes, and all others of fitt yeares, and able bodyes, to imploy the rest of their times of those dayes y^t may be spared, in shootinge, and in ye exercises before named; prouidinge for them at a Comon charge Sledges or Hamers and Cudgells wth Iron baskett hilts wherw^th to play; and for their better goument now at the first vse of the same, that the sayd Constables, Churchwardens and ouerseers, or two of them at the least be present; and that to the end that none of them nor any other, may in these dayes spend eyther their times or their monies in the Alehowses, for ye disaccustominge them from their assiduous drinkinge: That they likwise prouide that those howses be kept vpon those dayes, but espetiallye vpon ye Lord's day (as in other places of good order they be) shutt vp soe as none may be suffered to enter into the same, except trauellers, and vpon payne of present suppressinge of their howses, and sufferinge such farther punishment as a contempt and delict of that nature shalbe thought fitt to deserue. Heereof fayle you not as, &c. —Charles Cornewallis, William de Grey, Anthony Drury, John Hare.

Norw^ch,
this 20th of March, 1626.

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Mar. 24,
1626.

To our verye louinge ffrends the Mayor, Aldermen, or cheife Magistrates of ye Ports of Linn, Wells, and Burnam, and to eu^ꝰy of them.

After our hearty Com̄endations: It is well knowen vnto you vpon what weightie grounds and occasions importinge noe less then ye defence and safetye of ye kingdome, daylye threatned with preparations, approach of our enemye; you were form̄lye required to furnish out from those ports two Shipps of Warr for his Maties seruice, the doinge wherof was afterwards in yor fauor as well vpon humble and instant sute by you made, but espetiallye out of his Maties accustomed princelye grace and care for the losse of his subiects all y^t possible he may respited vntill you should receyue therin farther order from this board: and wheras it is manifest that ye affayres of Christendome doe still continue vpon such dayngerous termes, as giue his Matie cause not to omitt anye prouident care for the strengh and safetye of his owne dominions, and ye support and ayde of his allyes and confederates: and inasmuch as ye time of ye yeare, wch espetially openeth ye way to actions of Warr now approcheth; and for y^t his Matie hath at this present on foot some important designe and expedition by Sea, wherby after ye departure of ye ffleet prepared on y^t behalfe, there wilbe greate neede of the sayd shipps for ye defence of ye sayd Coasts and securing ye narrow Seas: We therfore in his Maties name and by his expresse com̄ande doe now agayne heereby streightlye require and charge you notw^thstandinge any form̄ allegations or pretences by you made, and w^thout all farther delayes or excuses whatsoeu̅, to cause two Shipps of ye burthen of 200 tunns a peece, eu̅ye way furnished as men of Warr, to be soe in readines as not to fayle to come to a Rendeuous at Plymouth by ye 20th of May next, the sayd shipps to be victualled with full fower moneth prouision to be accounted from the foresayd 20th of May: as for such part of ye charge therof as by our form̄ letters was to be supplyed by ye countrye, we haue now againe written express letters vnto them on that behalfe

enioyninge them to assist you therw^th^all; and haue therin likewise giuen directions to ye Deputye leiuten^t^ for ye Impressinge of such number of marinns, or in ye want of them such other seruiceable landmen as shalbe by you desired and found needfull for ye makinge vp of ye full complem^t^ of ye two Shipps: and for such part of ye whole charge of this seruice, as is to fall to yor shares; We doe heerby authorise and require you, to cause ye same to be assessed and leauied vpon ye inhabitants of ye sayd townes and ports and members of ye same, in such indifferent and equall man as is accustomed vpon ye like occasions of publique seruice; and in case any person shall refuse to pay such sumes as shalbe by you indifferentlye assessed vpon him, that then you cause him to giue good bonde forthw^th^ to appeare and answere his contempt before this board. And soe requiringe you not to fayle hereof as you tender his Maties high displeasure and the defence and safetye of the Realme: We bidd you hartelye farewell. From White Hall, ye 24th of March, 1626.—Yo^r^ louinge ffrends, Geo: Buckingham, Manchester, Montgomery, Tho: Suffe. Exeter, Salisburye. Grandison, D. Carleton, Tho: Edmonds, Ri: Weston, Jul: Cesar.

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To the Justices of Peace in the Countye of Norff.

After our heartye Comendations; Wheras it is in euerye man's obseruation, and likewise come to the knowledge of his Matie and this board, that there is generallye through out the kingedome greater number of dissolute and vagrant persons suffered to goe vp and downe then vsuallye hath ben knowen: which his Matie conceyues to pceede cheiflye from the remissnes of you the Justices of Peace in executinge the lawes prouided on that behalfe. And wheras likewise wee are informed, that there are diuers land souldiers and Marrinns in his Maties pay, who doe daylye runn away in greate numbers, and shift from place to place, wherby his Maties preparations (not vnknowen to you) both by sea and land, are like to be

impeached, if not frustrated altogether: We therfore by his Maties spetiall comand doe heereby streightlye will and require you, to cause diligent search and inquirye to be made in all places within that Countye for all Land Souldiers, Marrines, or other loose persons, and to apprehend all such as shalbe suspected for runnawayes or vagrants, to haue them comitted to prison, or to the house of corrections at your discretions: and that thervpon as often as occasion shall require you call a Sessions, and proceede agaynst them accordinge to the lawes of the Realme. Heerof his Matie and this Board expect from time to time a good account from you. And soe we bidd you heartelye farewell. From White Hall, the last of March, 1627.—Yo^{r} louinge ffrends, H. Manchester, Penbrooke, Salisbury, Tho: Soffolke, Totnes, Rich: Weston, J. Cooke, Humphry May.

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Wheras we haue receyued letters from the Right Hono^{ble} the Lords of his Maties most hono^{ble} priuye Counsell by his Maties espetiall comand, that there are generallye throughout ye kingdome greater numbers of dissolute and vagrant persons suffered to goe vp and downe then vsuallye hath ben knowen, which his Matie conceyues to proceede cheeflye from the remissnes of his officers in executinge the lawes in that behalfe; And that there are diuers land Souldiers and Marriners in his Maties pay who doe daylye runn away in great numbers and shift from place to place, wherby his Maties preparations both by Sea and land are like to be impeached if not frustrated altogether: We therfore in his Maties name and by their Lo^{pps} espetiall comande doe streightly charge and comand you to cause diligent search and inquirye to be made in all places within your Hundred, and soe to continue it from time to time, and some time to ward one week att least for all land souldiers, Marriners and other loose persons, and to apprehend all such as shalbe suspected for Runnawayes or vagrants and to bringe them before vs, or any other of his Maties Justices of the Peace to be proceeded with, accordinge to the Lawes

of this Realme. Thus requiringe you not to fayle, as you tender his Maties seruice, and withall we require of you from time to time a good account wherby we may be able to certefie their Lo^ps^ what is required of vs: we bidd you heartelye farewell.

Aprill the 16th, 1627.

To the Cheife Constables of, &c.

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Men.	Hundreds.	Monye. li	s.	Men.	Hundreds.	Monye. li	s.
2	Eastflegg . .	3	0	3	Grimshoe . .	4	10
3	Westflegg . .	4	10	3	Wayland . .	4	10
3	Happinge . .	4	10	7	Southgrenhoe .	10	10
6	Tunstead . .	9	0	8	Clackclose . .	12	0
3	Blofeild . .	4	10	8	Freebridg Marshland	12	0
3	Walsham . .	4	10				
3	Tauerham . .	4	10	8	Freebridg Linn .	12	0
4	Lodden . .	6	0	3	Smethdon . .	4	10
4	Claueringe. .	6	0	2	Brothercross .	3	0
2	Hensteade . .	3	0	3	Gallow . .	4	10
4	Earsham . .	6	0	3	North Greenhoe	4	10
4	Diss . . .	6	0	7	Landitch . .	10	10
4	Shropham . .	6	0	3	Holt . . .	4	10
2	Giltcross . .	3	0	5	North Erpinghā	7	10
6	Deepewade. .	9	0	6	South Erpinghā	9	0
8	Forehowe . .	12	0	6	Eynsford . .	9	0
3	Humbleyard .	4	10	6	Mittford . .	9	0
2	Thettford . .	3	0	14	Norwich . .	21	0

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Souldiers impressed at Norw^ch^ before Sr Anthonye Drury, Sr Will: de Gray, and Sr John Hare, Kn^ts^, the 16th of April, 1627.

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Gallow Hundred.

Richard Gell of Fakenham
John Small of the same
Willm Allen of Scultrup

Wayland Hundred.

Tho: Minett of Sahamton
Henry Twitt of the same
Robert Bidwell of Watton

Giltcross.

Lionell Grigs of Eastharlinge
Richard Sterne of the same

Thettford.

Mathew Johnson
John Palmer

Smithdon.

Tho: Horne of Hicham
Henry Raby a strainger

Freebridge Mearshland.

Will: Anderson of Tilney
John More of the same
Francis Martiall of Wigenhall St Petr
Will: Powell of Terrington
Rich: Middleton of Walpoole
Rich: Knowles of the same
George Browne of West Walton
John Jameson of Walsoken

Hensteade.

George Egmer a strainger
Robert Harrison of Woodbridge

Southgreenhoe.

Edward Crafax of Swaffam
Tho: Ellinn of the same
Natha: Binns of the same
James Towneplin of Newton
Tho: Tidman of the same
Geo: Wilkinson of Didlington
Will: Theodorick of Sporle

Mittford Hundred.

Tho: Keede of Matshall
Will: Cross of Shipdam
Edmund Cross of the same
John Tidd of Cranworth
Israell Johnson of East Deereham
William Graue of Letton

Tauerham.

Will: Blackborne of Attlebridge
Will: Richarson of Catton
Rot Toogood of Newton St Fayths

Happinge.

Henry Kitcham of Hasborough
John Sumers of Hicklinge
Samuell Wallis of the same

West Flegg.

Thomas Sale of Burrough
Rich: Musgraue by bayl out of ye gaole

Humbleyard.

Rich: Hauks of Hethersett
Robt Taylor of Colney
Robert Calfe of Braken Ash

Clackclose.

Alexander Renton of Downeham
William Hamond of the same
Tho: Birde of Helgay
Rich: Peirson of Norwich

Roger Harrison of Marham
John Peeters of Vppwell
Tho: Knite of Outwell

Ersham.

John Stone of Pullam
Tho: Winterfludd of Ersham
Henry Cutler of Harleston
Francis Susan of Pulham Marie

Disse.

John Carman of Scoale
John Richarson of Diss
John Mott of Scoale
John Pully of Dickleborough

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Laundish.

Robt Doue of Gressenhall
Will: Pert of Swanton
John Day of Great Franscham
John Loue of Brislye
James Browne of Elmam
Israell Cornick als Cubitt
John Rundell a strainger

Shropham.

Will: Church of Atleborough
Antho: Bartham of Roudham
Will: Fuller of Old Buckenham

Claueringe.

James Needeham of Toftmunks
Will: Alward of Thorpadish
John Glouer of Brooke
John Till als Perry of Norwch

Freebridge Linn.

Rich: Batts of Gaywood
Peter Band of Midleton
Anthony Arnold of Darsingham
Oswell Sygeston of Castleacre
Mathew Cooke of Eastwinch
Will: Clark of Westacre
Hen: Smith of Castle Risinge

Forehoe.

Robert Betts of Wimondham
Steuen Higgs of the same
Rich: Taylor of the same
Stephen Chapman of ye same
John Barnes of Hingham
Francis Tuck of Barford
Tho: Write of Baber
John Barnes of Barnam

Brother Cross.

Will: Blewitt out of ye Goaile
Rich: Grim̄ out of ye Goaile

Eynsford.

John Browne of Baudswell
James Write of the same
Rich: Wells of Witchingham
Tho: Acres of Foulsham
Edward Alison of Sparham

Grimeshooe.

Rich: Buttall of West Tofts
John Scupeham of Hockwold
Edm: Spetlehouse of Methwould

Holte.

Francis Iues of Holt
John Riston of Burston
John Kidd of the same

South Erpingham.

Edmund Harison of Buxton
John Harison of Tompson
John Haruye of the same
William Milam of ye same
Phillipp Curson of Billingforde

North Greenhoe.

John Buttry of Walsingham parua
Will: Catlinge of Houlton
Martin Bacon of Hindringham

Tunsteade.

Henrye Neaue of Worsteade
Steuen dey of North Walsham
James Miles of the same
John Potter of Tunsteade
Virgill Roe of Northwalsham

Lodden.

Henry Perkins of Ditchingham
Tho: Sadd of Thwait
James Betts of Haugdey

South Walsham.

Tho: Fox of Acle
Tho: Leasie of Acle
James Sharples al^s^ Porry
Rich: Hodgdon of Castleacre

Depewade.

Will: Arrett of Aslacton
John Thurston of Bunwell
Phillipp Swan of Hemnall
Henry Fulcher of Stratton
John Ward of Shelton

East Flegg.

William Gaylye of Filbye

Blowfeild.

Tho: Lincolne of So: Burlingham
Tho: Deeringe of the same

North Erpingham.

Tho: Osborne of South Repps
John Gilbert of Catton
John Burges of Cromer
Henry Burgis of Allborough

These Souldiers were impressed and deliuered to ye Conductor Mr Picktoe accordinge to ye letters receyued from the Lo^s^ of the Counsell and from the Lord Leiut^t^ of this Countye.

	li	s.	d.
ge 60. The Sum̃e receyued of the Country . . .	220	10	0
Layd out as ffolloweth:—			
Deliu^{o}d to Mr Pictoe the Conductor of 136 Souldiers for 3 dayes pay at 9^{d} a day . . .	15	6	0
Deliu^{o}d to Mr Pictoe for Seauen dayes pay for himselfe at vj^{s} 8^{d} a day	2	6	8
Deliu^{o}d to Mr Pictoe for seauen dayes pay for two Seargeants at 4^{s} a day	2	16	0
Deliu^{o}d to Mr Pictoe for vj dayes pay for the Drum̃er at iij^{s} a day	0	18	0
Sum̃e deliu^{o}d to Mr Pictoe .	21	6	8
Deliu^{o}d to ye Cheif Constables out of this monye which we formerly receyued of them for the Impressinge of 147 men at 12^{d} a man, out of which we were to elect 136 men . . .	7	7	0
Payd to Mr Alderman Browne for the cloth and bayes of 136 Coates, at 14^{s} 4^{d} the Coate .	89	6	0
Mr Smith disbursed for seuerall necessaries belonginge to the Souldiers.	10	14	6
Payd to the Taylor for Makinge of 136 Coates at j^{s} 8^{d} ye Coate and iij^{s} 4^{d} ou^{o} in the number	11	10	0
Payd to Mr Tuttell a Cheif Constable for 14 payre of shooes and one payre of stockings for ye Souldiers	1	14	6
Payd to Mr Murford for his iourney to Harwich.	1	6	8
Payd to iij Cheife Constables for buyinge ye Coates and attendinge this seruice before our com̃inge	1	0	0
Payd the Scriuener for writinge ye Duplicates .	1	0	0
Sum̃e tot^{s} disbursed .	145	5	4
Soe there remayneth due to the Countrye of the monye formerlye receyued ye sum̃e of 75^{li} 4^{s} 8^{d} wch mony is in Sr Anthony Drury his hands to be disbursed vpon the like or other Countrye charges	75	4	8

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To our louinge ffrends the Comissioners for the Loane in the County of Norff.

After our hartye Comendations; As you haue heeretofore receyued notice from vs, of his Maties gratious acceptation of the paynes you haue taken, and the good affections you haue shewed in the busines of the loanes; soe we must now lett you know, that the expectation of his Matie is to haue that busines finallye and speedelye effected, that soe the publique seruices which depend there vpon may not fayle; and in perticular the persons may appeare who haue ben foreward and well affected to his seruice, and who stand otherwise disposed, that therby his Matie may the better distinguish in the placinge of his fauours accordinge to men's meritts, and deserts; To which end you are to quicken, and call vpon all those that are yett behind in their Loanes or any portion therof, and to cause the Collectors speedelye to returne all their Collections sometime this next Tearme; as alsoe to certefie the names of all such as remayne refusers to lend, or to pay that which they promised to lend, other then those whose names you haue allready certefied. And soe we bidd you heartelye farewell. From White Hall, the 12 of May, 1627. — Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrends, Manchester, Penbroke, Montgomerye, Theo: Suffolke, E. Dorsett, Salisburye, Kellis, W. Kanburye, R. Durham, Tho: Edmonds, J. Cooke.

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Orders the 16th of May, the seconde yeare of King Charles, for a decree in causes of ffouldcourses in Anmer in Norff betweene Tho: Norris gent. compl^t^ and Bar: Johnson deft.

Vpon hearinge of the matters this present day in the presence of the counsell learned on both parts, for and touchinge both the plaint^s^ foulcourses, wherof ye one is called ye Mann̄ ffouldcourse, and the other the chauntry ffouldcourse and ye liberties therof in Anmer, in ye countye of Norff, for the wch ye pl^tf^ by his seu^ᵊ^all bills seeketh releife: this Court was now of

opinion that the plowing and sowinge of small quanteties of land dispersedlye or disorderlye wthin ye shacks and winter feedinge of ye sayd fouldcourses, and the refusall of a few wilfull persons to lett ye owners of fouldcourses haue theire Quilletts of lands (lyinge intermixt in the places where ye Sheeps-pasture is layd) vpon indifferent exchange or other recompence for the same; are things verye mischeeuous, and will tend to ye ouerthrow of verye many fouldcourses, and breed greate disquiett in this Country if such persons should be suffered to haue their wills therein, which this Court thinks vnfitt. And forasmuch as exchanges touchinge the sayd Mann̄ ffould course are alreadye made by William Armiger and Clement Jermy Esq. by vertue of a Commission grounded vpon former order made vpon hearinge of ye cause touchinge that fouldcourse, betweene ye pl^{ff} and all ye def^{ts} in y^{t} suite, except the sayd Johnson, as by ye certificates of ye sayd Comissioners appeareth; and those exchanges be accordingly confirmed by ye decree of this Court, agaynst all those defen^{ts} sauinge ye sayd Johnson, who refused to accept of fittinge exchange for his intermixt lands in ye Sheepe pasture of the Mann̄ ffouldcourse, bycause he did hold ye same by lease latelye taken for 21 yeares from Christs Colledg in Cambridge and pretended y^{t} if he should exchange, he should disable himselfe to surrender his sayd lease, whereby to take a new lease thereof from the sayd Colledge: And for ye sayd Chauntry fouldcourse as touchinge the def^{ts} disorderlye mann̄ of plowinge and sowinge their lands dispered in ye Shacks and winter feedinge thereof, and touchinge the def^{ts} refusall to exchange their Quilletts in ye Sheep pasture vsed for y^{t} fouldcourse, is all one with that, touchinge ye sayd Mann̄ ffouldcourse; wherin a decree is past as aforesayd, and soe it is fitt to haue ye like releife. It is therfore ordered and decreed by ye Right Ho^{ble} ye Lord Keeper in open Court, that as well the sayd defend^{t} Johnson as alsoe the rest of the def^{ts} and their assignes, shall suffer ye pl^{tf} his heyers and assignes to haue their lands lyinge within eyther of ye Sheepe pastures of the sayd fouldcourses called the sum̄ pastures therof respectiuelye vpon

indifferent exchange to be sett forth els where in conuenient places for the same, the sayd former fower Comissioners, or any 3 or 2 of them shall make and sett out exchanges betweene the pl^{ff} and ye rest of the defen^{ts} for such lands for which the sayd Comissioners haue not formerlye made exchanges, and the sayd Comissions shall soe accomodate the
Page 63. sayd Johnson, that he may haue a reasonable recompence for his sayd lands, or lands sett forth in a conuenient place for the feedeinge and fouldinge of his sheepe of the fouldcourse, which he claymeth to belonge to his lease aforesayd, as benefitiallye as he might haue fedd and foulded them vpon his owne lands; which the pl^{ff} is to haue by exchange, and the exchange to be made betweene the pl^{ff} and the sayd Johnson for the sayd Colledge lands is to be but from yeare to yeare, to the end his exchanginge may be noe impediment vnto him in renewinge his lease at any time with the Colledge: neyther shall the sayd exchanges any way hinder the sayd farmer of the sayd Colledge to vse their fould course of 100 Sheepe, accordinge to a decree formlye made in this Court. And it is further ordered and decreed that the defend^{ts} nor any of them nor their assignes shall not heereafter plow or sowe any of their lands lyinge within eyther of the Shacks or winter feedings of the sayd fouldcourses dispersed or in anye vnorderlye manner to debarr or hinder ye Sheepe of the sayd fouldcourses in the Shacks and winter feedings, wch they haue vsed to haue. And now touchinge the Questions made by the defendants in what places the sayd fouldcourses claymed by the pl^{ff} ought to goe, and what number of sheepe ought to be kept vpon the same, are left to be tryed by the sayd defendants (if they will) at the Comon Law: And if the sayd pl^{ff} shall recouer vpon such triall, this Court will then giue such order for the establishinge of the pl^{ffs} possession of the sayd fouldcourses, and liberties therof, as shalbe fitt: And it is ordered that if the sayd defendants will proceede to triall as aforesayd, then noe vnitye of possession shalbe stood vpon, and none of ye def^{ts} shall beginn or proceede in any action for any trespasses done for the time past by y^{e}

sayd pl^{ffs} sheepe, or his farmours or assignes, vnles the number kept exceede the number he ought to keepe, or that ye sayd sheepe were kept in places where they ought not to be kept: and the Com̄issioners aforesayd or any 3 or two of them are to allow to the sayd Johnson such recompence as they shall thinke fitt for the lands of the said def^{ts} which the pl^{ff} his farmours or assignes did feede with the sayd sheepe of eyther of the sayd fouldcourses wthin the Sum̄er pasture therof, for which recompence hath not beene alreadye giuen: And all actions at Law are to be reduced to one or two, and those to trye the title.—Per Johẽm Churchill, Deput: Regist.

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A warrant from the Deputye Leiut^{s} of Norff to the Cheife Constables of euery seurall Hundred for ye leuyinge ye charge layd out for the Souldiers that went to Harwich, the 25th of March, 1627.

Wheras we are informed that diuers particular townes within the Hundred of Clackclose haue disbursed and layd out for ye settinge forth of Souldiers charged by the two last presses wch were sent to Harwich the totall Sum̄ of . . . . . : and that diu^{ꝰ}s other Townes in the sayd Hundred were not charged therewith at all, which we thinke fitt should be a generall charge. These are therefore to will and authorise you to take due consideration of ye seuerall accounts of euerye particular towne alreadye charged, and by a due and proportionable rate accordinge to the vsual taxations to leuye such sum̄s of mony of all ye townes within your sayd hundred accordinge to such proportion as aforesayd, and thereof to make restitution to such of the sayd townes, as haue by settinge forth any Souldiers ben charged aboue ye sayd proportion. And if such shall refuse then that you certefie vs therof.—William De Gray, John Hare.

From Norw^{ch},
this 4th of June, 1627.

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Mar. 14,
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A letter from the Lords of the Counsell to the Lo: Leiutent for the Countye of Norff concerninge Musters there.

After our hartye Comendations to yor Lopp,

Although we assure our selues, that the good effects of the course held of late by directions of our former letters, perticulerly that of the tenth of July last touchinge the musteringe and exercisinge of the trayned bands wthin the Countye, wilbe a suffitient motiue to continue the like diligence for the perfect reforminge and supplyinge of such defects, as the neglect of the former times haue occasioned both in the horse and foote companyes, and soe much the rather for yt ye affayers of Christendome doe still stand vpon such vncertayn termes, as giue his Matie cause not to omitt any prouident care, for the strengh and saftye of his owne dominions: yett for that his Matie likwise out of his princely wisdome and care (reflectinge vpon the ease of his Subiects in that which may concerne them in their particulars) obserueth that the musters of these last years in pursuance of the sayd form letters of this Board, haue ben as well for the frequencye as for ye times of musteringe inconuenient to the Country, by happeninge in or about seasons of seede time or haruest, or other the like times proper for husbandrye. We accordinge to his Maties pleasure signified on that behalfe doe heereby pray and require yor Lopp to giue order to yor deputye Leiutents to cause the next musters of that Countye for this yeere, to be in or about Whitson weeke next, beinge a time conceyued to be most seasonable and of least interuption to ye busines and occasions of the Country in generall, and that in all other particulars conducinge to that Seruice, you pursue the directions of the aforesayd letter of the tenth of Julye last. As for the certificate or Muster Roule of that Countye, which by our sayd letter you were streightly required to cause to be returned by the tenth of August last, we cannot but lett you know, that we much meruaile at the neglect therof, and doe heereby agayne streightly pray and require your Loppe to cause

the same to be exactlye made vp and returned imediatelye after your next musters: and soe expectinge from yor Lo^{pp} heerein a timelye and effectuall account heerof, we bid yor Lo^{pp} very hartelye ffarewell. From Whitehall, this 14th of March, 1626.—Marleborough, Manchester, Dorsett, Holland, Kellye, Grandison, D. Carleton, T. Edmunds, Ro: Nanton Jul: Cesar.

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A letter from the Lo: Leiutent
to the Deputye Leiutent^{s} in the County of Norff
for Musters there.

After my hartye Comendations vnto you, accordinge to ye yearelye custome, I haue receyued letters from the Lo: of his Maties most hono^{blc} priuye Counsell, for Musters to be held this sum̃er thorough the Countye of Norff; your selues cannot but suffitientlye vnderstand the great importance therof at this time by those dayly warnings which you haue vpon your Coasts, besids those reasons which appeare in their Lo^{pps} letter, A true coppy wherof I doe heerewith send you: I shall not neede therefore to vse farther perswations for your diligence heerin, referringe you wholy to the directions and com̃ands, which you shall find both in these their Lo^{pps} letters and their former letters and more perticularlye those of the last yeare. All which I doe require you most strictlye to obserue and follow in all points: neyther can I omitt to tell you, that I doe expect a more absolute and reall performance of this seruice at this time then formerlye hath ben: as alsoe a more punctuall and exact Roll of your Musters and defaulters, then I haue lately had, which omission you may see how sharpelye their Lo^{pps} note it. Wherefore I desire you in this particular to be more diligent: Soe not doubtinge of your due performance heerof, I rest Your very louinge ffrend, Arundell Surrye.

Arundell house,
21th of March, 1627.

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1627.

A letter from the Deputy Leiutts of the County of Norff for the Musters the 26th of Julye, 1627, to the Captaynes of the Horse and foot companies in the sayd Countye.

After our hartye Comendations,

Wheras we haue lately receyued letters from the Lo: Leiut^t of this Countye with the coppy of one other letter from the Lo: of his Maties most hono^ble priuy counsell vnto his Lo^pp for the ꝑsent mustringe and trayninge of the trayned bands, both of horse and foot within this Countye and the perfect reforminge and supplyinge all defects of the horse and foote companies, and the rather in regard that (in their Lo^pps letters is expressed,) the affayres of Christendome doe still stand vpon such vncertayne tearmes, as giues his Matie cause not to omitt any prouident care for the strengh and safetye of his owne dominions. We are therfore by these to will and require you in this occurrancye of soe manye important occasions to call the foote Companyes within your charge before you, and to take view therof not omittinge the clergie Armes, and that you cause all defaults both in men and Armes to be supplyed before Munday the 16th of this instant Julye, vpon which day you are to present and muster the sayd Companye before vs or one of vs, at Tottenhill heath, by eight of the clock in the forenoone: for the accomplishing wherof such a streight charge as at this present is layd vpon vs, as we shall not be able with anye obseruance of our owne duties to spare or beare with anye whome we shall finde defaultinge, but we must make an espetiall certificate of their seuerall names, to the end that vpon the neglecters of a seruice soe exceedingely importinge the safetye of the whole kingdome in this time of hostilitye: and when the more parts of the estates of Christendome are in armes; there may be inflicted such seuere and exemplarye punishment, as soe great a delict deserueth: as alsoe not to fayle to returne vnto vs a perfect Muster Roll of your band, with a note of all defaulters and the qualities of their

offences, at the King's head in Norw^{ch} vpon the 26th of July beinge Thursday, when we are to returne vnto his Lo^{pp} our certificate therof. Soe we bid you hartelye farewell.—Charles Cornewalleys, William de Gray, John Hare.

We desire you to cause the Cheife Constables to bringe wth them the Muster M^{rs} wages due for this yeare, and the arrerages due for ye last yeare if anye be behinde.

A list of the trayned selected forces both horse and foote within this County of Norff, with the times and places of Muster this year 1627.

Dayes of meetinge.	Captaynes.	Hundreds.	Number of men.	Place of meeting veiwed by.
Munday, ye 9th of July	The towne of Yarmouth	. . .	400	Sr Charls Cornewallis.
Tuesday, ye 10 of July	Sr Tho: Jenkenson, Knight	East flegg .	80	By Sr Cha: Cornewallis at Lingwood heath.
	Sr Miles Hobert, Knight	Blowfeild .	90	
	Richard Jenkenson, Esq.	So: Walsham	90	
	Frances Mapes, Esq. .	West flegg .	90	
	Sr Rich: Barnye, Barr^{t} Captayne of a troope of Horse		.	40.
Wensday, 11th of July	Sr Robert Gaudy, Knight	Loddon .	160	By Sr Antho: Drury at Beddinghã holme.
	Anthony Hobert, Esq. .	Claueringe .	160	
	Barthol: Cotton, Esq. .	Ersham .	130	
	Owen Sheepherd, Esq. .	Henstead .	130	
Thursday, 12 of July	Sr John Corbett, Barronett	Tauerham .	64	By Sr Cha: Cornewallis at Assingham heath.
	James Scamler, Esq. .	Happinge .	130	
	Thomas Parker, Esq. .	Tunstead .	173	
	Tho: Rugg, Esq. Captayne of a troope of Horse		.	40.
Fryday, 13th of July	Sr Tho: Richardson, Knight	N: Erpingham	150	By Sr John Hubert at Heydon Ollands.
	John Richers, Esq.. .	S: Erpingham	200	
	John Potts, Esq. . .	Holt . .	120	
	Thomas Browne, Esq. .	Eynsford .	150	
	Tho: Layer, Esq. Captayne of a Troop of horse		.	80.

Dayes of meetinge.	Captaynes.	Hundreds.	Number of men.	Place of meeting veiwed by.
Saterday, 14th of July	Sr Williã yelẽton, Knight	Landish	150	By Sr Roger Townsend at Hempton greene.
	Sr Hamond le Strainge, Knight	Smethdon	121	
	Robert Bacon, Esq.	Gallo and Brothercross	120	
	James Calthropp, Esq.	Nor: Greenhoe	120	
Mr Walpole, Esq. Captayne of a Troope of Horse			40.	
Munday, 16th of July	Sr Robert Bell, Knight	Freebr: m̃shland	130	By Sr John Hare at Tottenhill heath
	Richard Howell, Esq.	Freebridg Linn	130	
	Edmund Skipwith, Esq.	Clackclose	150	
Sr Ro: Mordant, Knt and Barrt Capt. of a troope of horse			50.	
Wensday, 18th of July	Sr William de Gray, Knt	Wayland and Grimsho:	200	By Sr Will: de Gray at Watton.
	Edmund Moundeford, Esq.	So: Greenehoe	150	
John Webb, Esq. Captayne of a Troop of horse			40.	
Thursday, 19th of July	Sr Tho: Woodhouse, Knt and Bart	Forehoe and Hũbleyard	260	By Sr Will: de Gray at Hinghã greene.
	Sr Tho: Suthwell, Knight	Mittforde	160	
Tho: Steward, Esq. Captayne of a Troope of horse			40.	
Fryday, 20th of July	Thomas Kniuett, Esq.	Deepewade	200	By Sr Will: de Gray at Buckenham.
	John Holland, Esq.	Diss	130	
	Framlinghã Gaudy, Esq.	Shrophã and Giltcross	130	
Tho: Ward, Esq. Captayne of a Troope of horse			45.	
Tuesday, 24 of July	The towne of King's Linn		200	By Sr John Hare at Linn

Page 69. June 25, 1627.

By the Kinge.

To the Lord Leiutent of the Countye of Norff, for the leuyinge of 250 footemen, for the seruice of ye Kinge of Denmarke.

Carolus Rex.—Right trusty and right welbeloued Cosen, We greete you well. Wheras the number of Souldiers which we

haue intended to send for the seruice of our deare vncle the Kinge of Denmark is yett defectiue, partly by reason of the ill choyse formerly made in the leauyinge of men vnsuffitient for the seruice (which the Captayne that comanded them hath since discharged) and partlye for that many others of them haue forsaken their colours, and returned home to the dishonor of our seruice, soe as for a new supply ther is now speedelye to be leuyed the number of one thousand and fower hundred foote in nature of supplies: Wee doe therefore hereby require and authorise you to cause the number of 250 able younge and seruiceable men for ye warrs to be presentlye leuyed within that our Countye of Norff. beinge vnder your Leiutenancye: And heerin as well as in the choyse of the men as in the disposinge of them, punctually to obserue all such directions, as you shall receyue by letters from our priuye Counsell. And these our letters shalbe your suffitient warrant and discharge in this behalfe.

Giuen vnder our Signett at our Pallace of Westminster, the 25th of June in the third yeare of our Raigne.

69. 27,

A letter from ye Lo^s of the Counsell for ye leuyinge of 250 footmen, to be sent to Hull, to be imbarqued.

After our very harty Comendations to y^r good Lo^pp his Maties pleasure is, that you giue psent order for ye levyinge of 250 footemen w^thin y^t county of yor Leiut: as by his royall letters sent heerwith you shall fully vnderstand. And bycause you are therby directed to follow such farther instructions in this leuye, as shalbe sent you from hence, we doe therfore pray and require yor Lo^pp to make choyse of more able men then many of those were whome you formly sent for this seruice, wherof some were disalowed by the Captaynes and not a few discharged themselues, who are to be carefully inquired after, and proceeded agaynst according to Law, wch for ye aduancement of his Maties seruice, vpon like necessary occasions you are to see performed, and because theise men

are to be leuyed in nature of supplyes, you are to take the more care to send younge and able bodied men well clothed fitt for seruice, and to send them alsoe under the charge of an able conductor, who may bringe them to ye Rendeuous at Hull w^th^out disorder by the way or loosinge any of his number by ye first of Aug: next at ye furdhest. For their coate and conduct monye and for their iourneyes, and for their deliuery by Indenture you are to take order accordinge to former directions giuen for these particulars, and the repaym^t^ of such charges, shall vpon due account be made vnto the County, in like mann̄ as is there alsoe expressed. And soe not doubtinge of yor Lo^pps^ espetiall care in the due performance heereof, we bid you very hartely farewell. Whitehall, the 27th of June, 1627.—Tho: Couentry C.S., Marlborough, Manchester, Exeter, Bridgwater, Kelly, Grandison, R. Durham, Tho: Edmonds, Ro: Nanton, Jo: Cooke, Rich: Weston.

Page 70. June 28, 1627.

A letter from the Lo: Leiuten^t^ to the Deputye Leiut^ts^ of the County of Norff. for the leuye of 250 footemen.

After my hartye Com̄endations vnto you; I haue agayne receyued letters from his Matie and from the Lo^s^ of his Maties most Ho^ble^ priuye Counsell, for a new leuye of 250 footemen more to be made within this Countye of Norff. and Citty of Norw^ch^ for supply of such as haue defected, hauinge ben appointed and sent for assistance of the Kinge of Denmark; As the Com̄ands on me are full of earnestnes and charge, soe I cannot but with as much enforcement as may be referr the same vnto you, strictlye prayinge and requiringe you, in conuenient time with all possible care and diligence and due performance fullye to be putt in execution euery particular com̄anded and directed in his Maties and their Lo^pps^ letters; wherof I heerwith send you true Coppies. Concerninge Coate and Conduct monye and for their iournies and deliuerye by Indenture, as I am referred to former presidents, soe doe I leaue you likewise to the strict obseruance of such courses as

your selues haue heeretofore held in the like kinds. I doe agayne desire you soe to expedite and dispatch these seruices, as that his Maties Comands beinge fullye obayed and performed ther may remayne noe place for exception and blame. As alsoe that I may haue speedye certificats of your proceedings, that I may accordingly informe their Lo^{pps} of your due obedience. Soe beinge assured of yor care heerin I rest Your verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell house,
ye 28 of June.

71. 4,

A warrant from the Deputye Leiut^{s} of the County of Norff. to the chief Constables in euerye seuerall Hundred.

Whereas it hath pleased his Matie by his owne Royall letters, directed vnto our Lo: Leiuten^{t} to comand, present, leuye and impress of 250 footemen within the Countye of Norff. and Cittye of Norw^{ch}, and for the orderinge and disposinge of them hath referred his Lo^{pp} to such directions as he should receyue from the Lords of the Counsell, which directions it hath pleased his Lo^{pp} to send vnto vs, together with most earnest recomendations of the seruice to be carefully and punctually performed, accordinge to the tenor of the same. And forasmuch as it is espetially comanded that ye sayd leuye and impress shalbe made of men of able bodies, of yonge yeares and well apparelled for seruice of soe greate importance, and that the charge of the impress, the coate and conduct monye be defrayed in the country accordinge to the former president, and to be answered and repayed out of his Maties Exchequer, vpon an Account made thereof. We doe therefore by these streightly charge and comand you in his Maties name to leuye and impress wthin your Hundred ten men, beinge persons of able bodies and yonge yeares and well apparelled, and none of the trayned bands, and bringe them before vs or some of vs to King's Linn vpon the . . . day of this instant Julye by eight of the clock in the forenoone : and heerof see that you fayle not in the due and carefull performance of this soe

important a seruice, as you will answere the contrarye at yor vttermost perills. From Norw^ch this 4th of Julye, 1627.—Charles Cornewallis, Will de Gray, John Hare.

To the Chief Constables of the Hundred of Clackclose or eyther of them.

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A proportion of 250 men rated and leuied in the County of Norff. accordinge to ye warrant aboue written.

Hundreds.	Men.	Hundreds.	Men.
Eastflegg	3	South Greenhoe	9
Westflegg	4	Grimshoe	6
Happinge	6	Wayland	6
Tunstead	9	Shropham	7
Blofeild	6	Giltcross	3
Walsham	6	Frebr: mershland	10
Lodden	6	Frebr: Linn	10
Claueringe	6	Clackclose	10
Tauerham	3	Diss	6
Landich	8	Deepwade	10
Smethdon	6	Ersham	7
Gallow	6	Henstead	3
Brothercross	3	Mittford	9
South Erpinghā	10	Forehoe	10
North Erpinghā	8	Humbleyard	3
North Greenhoe	6	Linn	10
Eynsford	9	Thetford	3
Holt	6	Norw^ch	17

Page 71. July 5, 1627.

A letter from ye Deputy Leiut^ts of ye County of Norff to ye Lo: Leiut^t of ye same Countye.

May it please yor Lo^pp,

We haue in Accomplishm^t of what it pleased you in yor last letters to Comand vs, taken order that there shalbe 250 Souldiers at Hull, vpon the first of this next moneth,

beseeching your Lo^pp^ to be pleased to signifie soe much vnto the Lords of the Counsell to the end, that there may be certayne order taken for the present receyt of them there vpon that day. And soe humbly recomendinge our humble seruice vnto y^r^ Lo^pp^ we rest euer Yo^r^ Lo^pps^ humby (*sic*) and faythfully to Comand, Charls Cornewallis, Will: de Gray, John Hare.

Norw^ch^, July 5th, 1627.

72.
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A letter from the Lo^s^ of ye Priuy Counsell to ye Comissions for ye Loane in the County of Norff.

After our hartye Comendations; We lately wrott letters vnto you by his Maties Comand, to quicken and call vpon all those y^t^ are yett behind in their Loanes or any portion therof, and to cause the Collectors speedely to returne all their Collections somtimes the next Tearme, as alsoe to certefie ye names of all such as remayne refusers to lend or to pay in y^t^ wch they promised to lend, of wch letters we haue noe Account and but litle of ye Loanes payd in ye last Tearme, wch beinge past, we must lett you know his M^tie^ imputes ye fault rather to you who are intrusted as Comissions then to those y^t^ are to lend, who haue shewed good affections in paying and promising, but ther hath ben much slacknes in ye callinge for and collectinge of the monyes, and these things are particularly obserued, y^t^ many of the Comissions absent themselues from ye sittings y^t^ others made about this busines and haue not as yett payd in their Loanes. 2lye, y^t^ many of ye lenders who promised haue not yett payd. 3lye, those to whome day was giuen as for a second paym^t^, and are neyther called vpon, nor haue yett payd in y^t^ second payment. 4lye, that many shift themselues frō one Countye to another, and scape lendinge any where. Lastly y^t^ ye refusers whom you are to bind ou to appeare before this Board are neyther bound nor their answers certefied. In all which cases you are to vse diligence, and strictlye to giue vs Account of yor proceedings before ye 15th of July next and as his Matie will interprett well, where he finds diligence to be vsed soe ye neglect here-

in wilbe as offensiue vnto him, the publique occasions soe pressinge as they doe, and all the many collected vpon these Loanes, with much more of his Maties treasure, beinge wholy imployed in these publique occasions in defence of the Realme, succours of his Maties allies, and maintenance of the cause of religion: which were ye Motiues y^{t} forced his Matie to this course. And this farther wee must lett you know we are not ignorant of that you are ye eare witnesses of, that such as haue shewed good affections and ben foreward in yealdinge to these Loanes find themselues agreiued y^{t} others who stand in contempt and refuse to lend, fare better then those wch are the lenders wch is an occasion of discontent to ye lenders, who haue deserued thanks of his Matie and are not soe to be discouraged, nor those refusers and contemners to goe free and vnpunished, wch causeth the quicker calling vpon you and stricter account from you then otherwise should haue needed. And soe we bid you heartelye farewell. From White Hall, this 30 of June, 1627.—Yo^{r} very louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentry C.S., Marleburgh, Manchester, Theo: Suffolk, E. Dorsett, R. Durham, J. Bridgwater, Kelly, Grandison, Tho: Edmonds, Ro: Nanton, J. Cooke, Rich: Weston, Humphry May, Jo: Sauile.

Mem̃ that S^{r} Jo: Hare, Knight receyued this letter ye 9th of Julye and the next morninge sent it to Sr Tho: Deereham Knight, one of the Com̃issions for the Loane in the sayd limitt.

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1627.

A letter from the Comissioners of the Loane to the Lords of his Maties most Honorable Priuye Counsell.

May it please yor Lo^{pps},

We receyued your Honors' letters dated the 12 of May last, and accordinge to the directions therein we acquainted Sr Edward Bullock, knight, collector for the sayd loane, who did returne accordingelye into his Maties Exchequer the sayd monyes then receyued. And since we receyued another letter from yor Lo^{pps} dated the 30 of June, wch we receyued the 9th

of this instant July, and presently vpon ye receyt thereof we acquainted Sr Edw. Bullock, knight, collector of the Hundreds within our limitts, and did demand an Account from him of the same, who hath monyes in his hands forthwith to pay into his Maties exchequer: and the remaynder due of the Hundreds w^th^in his Collection, we haue receyued a trew account from him, which we send heere inclosed to yor Lo^pps^. Thus humbly crauinge your Lo^pps^ fauorable censure desiringe yor Lo^pps^ to be assured that wee are readye to our vttmost to obay his Maties and yor Lo^pps^ Comands, which we suppose we haue trulye effected in this busines. Wee humbly take our leaue and rest.—Yo^r^ Lo^pps^ humbly to be comanded, Tho: Deereham, John Hare.

The names of those persons that haue made defaults conserninge the Loane in ye Countye of Norff. for 3 Hundreds vnderwritten, in ye Collection of Sr Edw: Bullock, knight, giuen vnto vs the 10th of Jvlye, 1627.

Southwotton.

	li	s.	d.
Marmaduke Browne	5	0	0

Castle Acre.

Sr Tho: Huggins, knight	7	0	0

Middleton.

Thomas Louell, gent.	2	0	0

Massingham Magna.

John Peirce dead, his estate much decayed, and deuided to his wife and children . . .	3	6	8
John Beadle, a decayed man	2	0	0

Congham.

S^r^ le Strange Mordant dead, his heyers . .	20	0	0
Richard Bendist, Esq.	4	0	0

Walsoken.

Jeffry Bishopp	3	6	8

		li	s.	d.
Clackclose.	*Denuer.*			
	Henry ffarrar	1	10	0
	Marham.			
	Tho: Houell, gent.	3	0	0

Sum^a^ rem^n^ in these three Hundreds aboue-
sayd vnpayne . . 51^li^ 3^s^ 4^d^

Edw: Bullock.

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Aug. 13.
1627.

A letter from ye Lo^s^ of the Counsell to ye Comissions for the Loane in the Countye of Norff.

After our very harty Comendations, Wheras heertofore we haue written vnto you too seu^n^all letters, callinge vpon you ye Comissions for the Loanes to cause ye monies proceedinge therevpon to be speedely payd into ye Exchequer for ye better supplyinge of ye publique pressinge and important occasions of State, and of late his Matie as a prudent Prince managinge affayres by ye meanes, vouchsafed to looke into the Accounts himself, to see how these Loanes haue ben answered from eu^n^y sheire, and finds a falling short as yett in yor County of Norff, from y^t^ which he expected and whervpon he trusted; and this we must lett you know, that whatsoeuer his Matie hath hitherto raysed, vpon his Plate, iewells, Loanes and Sales, is altogether issued and imployed for the publique and now beinge in open action, his ffleet and Army abroad, which by god's goodnes hath prosperously succeeded, honor and reason require to haue the vndertakinge seconded and supported wherof his Matie hath Comanded vs to require of you, that wth all diligence and speed you cause ye remayne of those loanes to be Collected and payd into the Excheq^r^ but we are informed y^t^ howsoeuer some men haue vsed diligence in this busines, yett in some Comissioners, Collectors, and receyuers ther hath ben a great slacknes, and that much mony y^t^ hath ben collected and receyued vpon these loanes is yett vnanswered to ye Kinge. Wherfore we require you to look strictly thervnto, not only to

cause the remayne of the monies to be collected and returned speedely, but alsoe to informe where you finde any of ye Sum̄es detayned or longer detayned then is fittinge by those y^t^ should haue returned ye same, to ye end this busines may haue noe longer protraction. We require you forthw^th^ to deuide yor selues in yor seuʔall deuisions as after your first meetinge you did, and in euery diuision to call the recyuours and collectors before you, and to examine the true state of euʔy receyuers and collectors Account, and w^th^in ten dayes after you make therof a certificate vnto vs how much euery receyuer and Collector hath payd into ye Excheq^r^ and how much remayneth in their hands, and how much resteth yett vncollected: and also to make a perticular certificate of ye names of such as did consent to lend and haue not yett payd, but refuse to doe it: and this you may not omitt precisly to certefie the names of those who being sum̄oned to appeare before you, refused or neglected to come or appearinge before you refused to lend, for y^t^ his Matie is resolued of a course agaynst those men fitt for such as stand ill affected to ye State and they shall finde what it is to be deuided from their Kinge, and ye better part of the kingdome, when their com̄on interest is concerned: And soe expectinge yor carefull performance of these directions, we bidd you heartely farewell. From White hall, the 13 of August.—Your very louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentry C.S., Theo: Suffolk, Tho: Edmonds, Manchester, J. Cooke, Robt: Nanton.

A letter from the Comissioners of the Loane in the Hundreds of Freb: Linn, Free: Mershland and Clackclose vnto Sr Edward Bullock, knight, Collector for the sayd three Hundreds in the County of Norff.

S^r^, by vertue of letters from the Lords of his Maties most honorable priuye Counsell to the Com̄issioners for the Loane a transcript, wherof we haue receyued. We pray you giue vs meetinge at the house of Francis Grime in Setchey vpon the 28th day of this instant August, by two of the Clock in the afternoone of the same day then and there to declare vnto vs

how much of the sayd Loane within your Collection you haue allreadye payd into his Maties Exchequer, and how much remaine in your hands, and how much rests yett vncollected, and who they be that haue not yett payd, to the end thay wee may certefie their Lo^{ps} as by the sayd letters we are required. Thus not doubtinge of your readiness to meete vs for his Hignes seruice we heartelye comend our selues vnto you and rest.—Yo^{r} verye louinge ffrends, Tho: Deereham, John Hare, Francis Parlett.

Stow Bardolph,
21 August, 1627.

Page 76. Aug. 28, 1627.

A letter from the Comissioners of the Loane, in the Countye of Norff, to the Lords of his Maties most honorable priuye Counsell.

May it please your Lo^{pps} to be aduertised,

That by vertue of yor Lo^{pps} letters of the 13 of this moneth, a transcript wherof we receyued the 21 of this moneth, we haue taken an Account of Sr Edward Bullock, Knight collector for his Maties Loane within the three hundreds of Free: citr. Linn Freeb: in partibus Mershland and Clackclose within the Countye of Norffe, the totall Sum within whose Collection is 1369^{li} iij^{s} 4^{d}. And the sayd Sr Edward Bullock affirmeth vnto vs that of the sayd Sum of 1369^{li} iij^{s} 4^{d}, he hath payd into his Maties Exchequer 1200^{li}, and that there is payd in besides of the sayd totall the Sum of 18^{li} viz. of Tho: Atthow Sergeant at Law 15^{li} and 3^{li} by one John Robenson, who haue striken seuerall tallies for the same. And that the sayd Sr Edward Bullock hath in his hands remayninge of his Collection 110^{li} and that ther remaineth vnpayd the Sum of 41^{li} iij^{s} 4^{d}, which Sum of 41^{li} 3^{s} 4^{d} is still vnpaid by the persons whose names are vnderwritten; Thus submittinge our selues and seruice to your Lo^{pps} we doe humbly take our leaues.—Tho: Deereham, John Hare, Francis Parlett.

Setchey,
this 28th of August, 1627.

	li	s.	d.
Sr Tho: Huggon Kn^{t} of Castle acre neglects to pay	7	0	0
John Peirce of Massingham is dead and his heyers haue not payd	3	6	8
John Beadle of y^{t} towne a decayed man hath not payd	2	0	0
Sr Lestrange Mordant of Congham Barronett is dead and his heyers haue not payd . . .	20	0	0
John Bishop of Tunstead, neglects to pay . .	3	6	8
Tho: Hovell of Bilney a decayed man hath not payd	3	0	0
Henry Farrer of Denuer a decayed man, hath not payd	1	10	0
Robert Harplye sen^{r} of Garboysthorpe is dead and his heyers haue not payd	1	0	0

77. **The second yeare of Kinge Charles, 1626.**

Be it enacted by the Authoritye of this present Parlim^{t}, y^{t} euerye person wch shalbe appointed to serue in the warrs, or to attend and serue at any muster within this Realme for and as a Musketteer wth a whole Muskett, shalbe furnished with a good and suffitient whole Muskett, the barrell therof shalbe full 4 foote in lengh and noe more: and ye bore therof shalbe iustly answerable to the bignes of a round leaden bullett of eleuen to the pound. And euery such person appointed to serue with a full Muskett shalbe further furnished and armed with a good Bandoleir, and with 15 good and seruiceable charges of turned wood cou^{r}d with leather and fastened thervnto. Alsoe with a good primer, worme and Scourer, and a bullett bagg annexed vnto it, wth a mould to cast such bulletts as aforesayd. And with a rest of 4 foote and an half in lengh. And alsoe a good and seruiceable Murrion or headpeece. And with a strong and sharpe sword, the blade thereof to be of three foote in lengh and not aboue in scabbord fitt thervnto.

And that euery person appointed to serue in the warrs or at Must^{rs} with a Caliuer shalbe furnished with a good and suffitient Caliuer, the barrell therof shall be of the lengh of three foote and an half and not vnder, and the bore therof

answerable in widenes to the bignes of a round leaden bullett of seauenteene to the pound, and he shalbe also further furnished and armed in all points (a rest only excepted) as is before declared for such a person as is appointed to serue in a full Muskett.

And that euery person charged and appointed to serue in the warrs or at Musters for or as a Piquier or Pikeman, shalbe armed and furnished, as followeth. That is to say with a Corslett, consistinge of a good brestplate, and back peece and a gorgett of Iron: with taces deepe shirted answerable thervnto; wth stronge buckles to fasten the taces vnto the skirt, wch taces in depth are not to exceede nine inches and in breadth not aboue 13 inches; A good Murrion or headpeece; A good stronge and seruiceable sworde, the blade therof not to be aboue three foote in lengh, in a good scabert with belt or girdle and hangers fitted therevnto. A Pike made of very good seasoned clift Ash, of the lengh of 18 foote at the least: The Diamiter about the middest therof, noe less then one inch and three quartes; the heade of the sayd Pike to be well steeled, and to be eight inches in lengh, made broade and sword pointed, and the cheekes therof not to be vnder two foote in lengh well riuited, and the butt end of the sayd Pike to be well bounde with a ringe of Iron.

The Armes of a Curasier.

And that euery person that shall serue for or as a Curasier or Pistoler shalbe furnished as followeth: viz: with a good Caske or headpeece, a good Gorgett, a brestplate and backpeece of Iron, Pistoll proofe, with stonge buckles to fasten the Pouldrons, taces, Cuishes and vmbraces of Iron, also with a left hand gauntlett and a Cullett: A case of Pistolls wth firelocks, the lengh of the barrells of the sayd Pistolls to be two foote and three inches at the least.

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And the bores of the sayd Pistolls to be in widenes answerable to the bignes of a round leaden bullett of 36 to ye pound and not aboue. A good flask and touch box: A strong and sharpe sword not vnder 4 foote in lengh. And that euery person that is to finde a Curasier or Pistoleir shall find, keepe and mayntayne within the Countye where he is charged as

well the sayd Armes limited and apointed for a Curasier and Pistoleir, as one good stronge horse or geldinge of a large Sise, with a stronge sadle and furniture fitt for seruice.

And that euerye person appointed to serue for or as a Harquebussier on horseback, shalbe furnished as followeth.

With a suffitient petronell with a good fyerlock, the barrell wherof shall not be less then 3 foote in lengh, and the bore thereof to be answerable in widenes to a round leaden bullett of 20 to ye pound, and a good flask and touchbox; a stronge belt for to hange his harquebush in: with a good headpeece; and a gorgett, brest, and backe pistoll proofe; and a Case of such Pistolls as are before appointed for a Pistoleir or Curasier: and that euerye person charged to find a Harquebussier, shall finde and maynetayne w^th^in the countye wher he is soe charged, aswell the Armes limited for a Harquebussier as for euery person soe by him to be armed, one good and suffitient geldinge or horse of a large Size, with a stronge sadle and furniture fitt for that seruice.

And that all and euerye person that shalbe charged with the proceedinge and findinge of any such Muskateere, Pikquier, Curasier, Harquebussier, shall maynetayne and keepe in readines, within such Countye in which he or they shalbe soe charged, the seuerall and respectiue armes and horses aforesayd with which they shalbe charged.

And to the end that noe full Muskett, Caliuer, Harquebuss or pistoll to be vsed in the warr as for the defence of the Realme, may after three moneths next ensuinge the end of this present Session of Parliment to be made of any other lengh or bore, then is formerlye limited and prescribed.

19. **The Muster Masters wages for the County of Norffe, 1627.**

	li	s.	d.		li	s.	d.
Eastflegg . .	2	10	0	Blowfeild . .	3	10	0
Westflegg . .	3	0	0	South walsham .	3	10	0

	li	s.	d.		li	s.	d.
Tauerham . .	3	5	0	Grimshaw . .	3	0	0
Happinge . .	3	10	0	So: Greenhoe .	4	10	0
Tunstead . .	5	0	0	Forehowe . .	4	10	0
So: Erpingham .	6	0	0	Mittford . .	4	0	0
No: Erpingham .	4	0	0	Deepewade . .	4	10	0
Holt . . .	3	10	0	Diss . . .	3	10	0
Eynsford . .	4	0	0	Shropham . .	3	15	0
No: Greenehoe .	3	10	0	Giltcross . .	2	10	0
Smithdon . .	3	10	0	Lodden . .	3	10	0
Gallow . .	3	10	0	Ersham . .	3	15	0
Brothercross .	2	10	0	Claueringe . .	3	10	0
Launditch . .	4	10	0	Henstead . .	2	10	0
Clackclose . .	4	10	0	Yarmouth . .	5	0	0
Freb: Linn . .	3	10	0	Linn . . .	3	0	0
Freeb: Mershland	3	10	0	Humble yard .	2	10	0
Wayland . .	3	0	0				

Norff.

Page 80. July 24, 1627.

A Roule indented of ye names of 250 men, by the Comand of his Maties most hoble priuy Counsell, by their letters of the 27 of June, 1627, impressed wthin the countye of Norffe and citty of Norwch, of which number for this seruice at the entreaty of the Mayor, we were contented to accept of 17 out of the Citty deliu9d to Peter Murford gent. by Sr Will: de Gray, Sr Charles Cornewallis and Sr John Hare Knights, deputy Leiutents of the sayd County, ye 24 of Julye, 1627.

East Flegg.

William Pickax of Grnesby
Esdras Wilkins de ead
Tho: Parr of Strattby *(sic)*

West Flegg.

Tho: Hall of Martham
Robert Harman de ead

Happinge.

Jo: Girling of Potter Higham
Jo: Law of Ingham
Tho: Winter of Stallham
Phil: Budd of Hicklinger *(sic)*
Math: Winn of Catfeild
Will: Tilney of Ludham

Tunstead.

Will: Cousens of Smalborow
Tho: Read of Barton
Edmund Rudd of Harninge
Tho: Garnier of Bradfeild

Clim^{t} Haynes of Vorstead (*sic*)
Will: Rumpe of No: Walshā
Will: Snelling of Dilham
Jo: Cully of No: Walsham
Will: Lambert of Felminghā

Blowfeild.

Will: Smith of Norw^{ch} Thorp
Will: Calibut of Strumpshend
Dan: Brumstead of Bassinghā
Tho: Dearing } out of the
James Quantrell } Geoale

Walsham.

Roger Daines of Walshā
Roger Dearing of Rendhā
Tho: Lesie
Will: Deareby } out of the
Jo: Pitcher } Geoale
Hen: Twaits

Lodden.

Jo: Allward of Claxton
Hen: Capling of Carleton
Alexander Renton } out of
Mathew Comfitt } the
Tho: Efurd } Geoale

Claueringe.

Tho: Westgate of Barrow Haptō
Roger Goldsmith of Gueldiston
Christo: Fosdike of Toft Munks
James Stiles of Gillinghā St Maries
Edward Crome of Brook
Tho: Peirsō of Gillimghā all Saints

Tauerham.

Daniell Burrage of Haynsford
Robert Carr of Sprouston

South Erpingham.

Nicholas Lee of Causon
Edmund Acres of little Hobbies
Geo: Long of Stratton strawles
William Strick de ead
Persiuall Page of Saxthorpe
Will: Brandon of Baningham
Jo: Bird of Iteringham
Jo: Dauye of Heuingham
Gilbert Hambling of Iteringhā

North Erpingham.

Lawrence Sewell of Antingham
Edward Tompson of South Repps
Joseph Starlinge de ead
Robert Grice of North Repps
Joseph Cully of Thorp markett
Jo: Hasslop of Gresham
Jo: Samon of Runton
Will: Stanly of Elmerton

Grimshoe. Page 81.

Georg Stand of Norwold
Jo: Bloome of Weetinge
Tho: Gooding of Croxton
Jonathan Smith of Methwold
Will: Hargraue of Hockwold
Robert Euerett de ead

Wayland.

Tho: Fitt of Tottington
Christopher Dey de ead
Edward Secker of Martin
Robert Bidwell of Watton
Francis Attmeard

Shropham

Jo: Scarf of old Buckenhā
Ro: Warden of new Buckenhā
Francis Woolward de ead
Rich: Goodinge de ead
Will: House of Wilby
Rich: Fitt of Shropham
Jo: Biddson of Hockham

Guiltcross.

Jo: Wilye of east Harlinge
Tho: Sephens of Banham
Tho: Fenn of Lopham

Diss.

Tho: Grindy of Diss
Tho: Johnson of Skole
Stephen Pigeon of Shelfanger
Jo: Wittam of Gissinge
Jo: Parker of Dickleborough
Peeter Bloome of Gissinge

Deepewade.

Anthony Fassett of Bunwell
Daniell Sheering de ead
Robert Norton of Tasborough
Jo: Chandler of Stratton
John Cow of Hemnall
Roger Barnard de ead
Samuell Millett of Carleton
Frances Barbor of Fritton
Frances Tallibraie

Ersham

Georg Harison of Harleston
Robert Farrow of Atlebourge
Tho: Randell of Penton
Tho: Duke of Pulham Mary
Robert Gosling of Billingford
Mark Beech of Pulham Markett

Henstead.

Thomas Rust of Trowce
Lionell Griggs } out of the
Edward Johnson } Geaole

Forehoe.

Rich: Taylor of Wimondham
Thomas Manninge de ead
Will: Cooke de ead
Jo: Tompson of Hingham
John Taylor
Robert Luce of Deepeham
Will: Keene of Barnā Broome
Robert Dawes of Kimberley
Mathew Cotton of Barford

Humbleyard.

Edmund Baylye of Hethersett
William Weetinge de ead
Robert Goldspinge de ead

Eynsford.

John Purdy of Foulsham
Arthur Cowell of Linge
Stephen Hoock of Weston
Abraham Angell of Geistwick
Samuell Deirne of Guiest
James Yearle of Hackford
Will: Wayneford of Weston
James Risborough of Hilderston

Holt.

Christopher Munday of Sharingtō
Phillip Man of Burston
William Edgar of Hempsted
William Smith of Holt
Gregorye Bussill of Burlington

South Greenehoe.

Robert Betts of Swaffham
Dauy Williams de eaḋ
Thomas Greene de eaḋ
George Walker of Hilborough
Ro: Mirida al' Moris of Oxbourgh
Thomas Sutton de eaḋ
Henry Gloser of Nerborough
Will: Hastings of Southacre
Robert yaxly of Cresinghā mag'

82. *Mittford.*

John Betts of Shipdham
Walter Elcock de eaḋ
William Vpcroft de eaḋ
Tho: Michell of Garbeston
Will Bishop of east Deereham
John Bubbin de eaḋ
Dauy Leech de eaḋ
Robert Calthorpe of yaxam
Edward Purdy of Matshall

Gallow.

Henry Chapman of Fakenham
George Brian de eaḋ
Thomas Moy de eaḋ
Adam Seiseland of Sculthrope
Edward Mathew de eaḋ
Peter Durrant of west Rudhā

North Greenehoe.

Jo: Alison of Walsingham
Beniamin Humphrey de eaḋ
Stephen Claborne of Warham
Will: Smith of Bingham
John Hall de eaḋ
Jo: Wainford of Hardringhā

Landitch.

John Limbard of Longham
John Borrough of Stanfeild
John Finlye of Beetelye
William Leman of Mileham
John High of Scarmoige
William Sparkall of Wenlin
Anthony Richford of Twayte

Brothercross.

Jo: Lacye of Burnam westgate
John Euerett de eaḋ
John Pickerell de eaḋ

Frebr: citra Linn.

Anthony Doe of great Massinghā
Tho: Hawkins of Harpely
Lionell Till of Congeham
Anthony Arnold of Darsinghā
Nicholas Rudland of castle Rising
John Fox of Grimston
Rob: Winter of West Billney
John Farrow of Gayton
Peter Johnson of Ashwell Thorpe
Ambrose Thorneton of Midleton
Richard Lodd of North Wootton

Smethdon

William Euans of Holme
Will: Wren of great Bricham
Robert Smith de ead
Rob: Palmer of Inglesthorpe
Francis Ransham of Dockin
Hugh Ouerton of Brancaster
Mark Spark of Dockin
Will: Harrold of Sedgford

Freebr: Mershland.

Robert Boston of Terrington
Robert Sutton de ead
John Peachy of Walpoole
Edward Dolton de ead
Hen: Tomplin of Clench Warton
Thomas Cook of Walsoken
Tho: Whip of Clench warton
Jo: Chattertō of Wignall Jermins
Will: Fetherston of St Maries
Will Sutton of Wisbeech
Tho: Marsey of Walsoken

Clackclose.

Gregorye Turner of Barton
Siriall Copsey
William Tofts of Tottenhill
Peter Michell of Helgay
Tho: Payne of Watlington
Robert Ernsfeild of vpwell
William Garrett of Geitwell
Rich: Daniell of Downeham
James Backhouse de ead
William Pytts of Fincham

Out of the Castle.

Thomas Ellen
John Hudson
Martin Bacon
Robert Coleman
Gregory Wilkinson
William Fowell
Tho: Minnett
Roger Roberts
Andrew Wright

The Towne of Thetford.

William Peck
Laurence Whiston
Michaell Beckerton

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The Towne of Lynn.

Will: Sharp, Francis Sauye, Rich: Balsham, John Bennett, John Freeman, Robert Metcalfe, John Farrow, John Haruy, Clement Barker, Thomas Hobbart.

King's Lynn, 25th of July 1627.

Receyued of Sr Charles Cornewallis, Sr William de Gray, and Sr John Hare Knights, deputye Leiut^ts for the County of Norff 250 men, wherof 233 impressed for the County of

Norff, and receyued more of the sayd Deputye Leiut^{ts} fower score nineteene pounds, eleuen shillings and eight pence: viz: for the conduct mony of the 233 Souldiers for eight dayes trauell to ye towne of Hull, 62^{li} ij^{s} 8^{d}: for 14 dayes for ye Conductor himself, viz: for ten dayes outward and 4 dayes homeward at 16^{s} a day, 10^{li} 4^{s}: ffor 15 dayes for 8 Sergeants at 4^{s} a day, wherof 5 dayes allowed for their returne 24^{li}: and for a Drum for the like number of dayes at iij^{s} a day, ij^{li} 5^{s}.—Pet: Murford.

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The Deputy Leiut^{ts} letter to the Lo: Leiut^{t} for allowance of the Charge of 250 men and others before them impressed out of the Countye of Norff.

0. Most Hono^{ble} Lord,

We haue accordinge to what it pleased yor Lo^{pp} by yor letters of the 28th of this last moneth, to comand vs to leuye wthin this County and Citty of Norw^{ch} 250 men, of wch we send the names in a Roule indented vnder our hands, and therin aswell for their years, abilitye and strengh of body, and apparell, as in the approued suffitiency and honesty of their conductor, followed as neere as possibly we could your Lo^{pps} directions.

The charge for theire Impress, their Coate and conduct mony amounteth in all to the Sum of 252^{li} ij^{s} 8^{d} and treadinge as it were vpon the heeles of the late great loane, the great burthen wherof we assure yor Lo^{pp} that this Country growne of late soe necessitous, hath not yett left their feelinge. We thought it fitter to be drawne as farr as the same would extend out of ye mony which remayned in ye hands of some of vs, who receyued the monyes payd by order to the Country for their disbursm^{t} at the voyage to Cales, then to be new charged vpon the Country, who haue not yett receyued any part of ye mony by them disbursed in the last of the late Kinge, for the Impress, Coate and conduct mony of 500 men, wherof by their Lo^{pps} letters which comanded the same, ther

was promised out of his Maties Exchequer present payment. The late infectious disease infested soe many parts of our Country, the want of traffique and trade, the many heauye and great losses, indured by our countrymen both in their Shipps and in their goods taken by ye Dunkerkers, the greate Sum̃s that haue latelye ben issued for Loanes to his Matie and the present basenes of the price of corne, beinge of this poore Countye the cheife and almost the only com̃odity, that draweth coyne into it, hath we assure your Lo^{pp} soe much exhausted it as were it truly vnderstood with what difficultye the vsuall
Page 84. charges of the Country are drawne from the people, and the continuall trauaile and troble that we our selues are inforced vnto to agree and quiett them about the same: we make noe doubt but his Matie would much pitty them, and alsoe not be without some compassion of vs, who neyther abroad nor in our own howses can enioy any quiett by beinge inforced to attend vnto them. And soe humbly recom̃ending our owne seruices vnto yor Lo^{pp} we take our leaues and rest Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} humbly at Com̃andm^{t}, Charles Cornewallis, Will: de Gray, John Hare.

From King's Lynn,
the 25th of July, 1627.

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1627.

A letter from Peter Murford to the Deputye Leiut^{ts} in ye County of Norff concerninge the 250 Soldiers wch ye sayd Peter conducted to Hull, the 25th of Julye, 1627.

Right noble S^{r},

It is my seruice to lett you vnderstand, y^{t} it hath pleased God to giue vs a safe arriuall at Hull on friday by eleuen of the clock, where at my landinge I mustered before some of the officers in ye Towne 245 men, In our passage we were much streightned for roome in ye shipp, it beinge much too litle for soe great a number, wch caused much discontent at our first settinge out, and much troble I had to quiett them, as some by fayre some by foule meanes; ther was noe other

victuall putt aboard, but Bread and three Barrells of Beere, wch was too litle, but it was soe disposed of, that it brought vs almost to this Towne with indifferent content, what bread and beare was taken was payd for by the Souldiers to the M^{r} of the Shipp, who kept vs aboard longer then he needed: Att my ariuall I was denied entrance into the Towne, vntill by much earnestnes I obtayned fauour to land them and billett them in the Towne, by shewing them in what misarye they lay aboard for want of roome and Beere; the Mayor and others ye Comissioners for this seruice, had not any order to permitt any to come into ye Towne or to billett any, but only to suffer them to be shipt, soe y^{t} they will not take any charge of them before the 2^{d} of August, and not then neyther if their conuoy captaynes come not downe to receyue them, wch are not yett heard of, soe y^{t} I feare I shalbe detayned longer then willingly I would to keepe them together; neyther know I what to doe for monies, if I shalbe constrayned to pay them beyond my sett day: many of the Souldiers beginn to be very vnrulye, soe that I am constrayned to gett the Mayor to comitt some of them to the Gaole for their misdemeanours, where I pay them their daylye pay. I haue sent home 4 Sergeants this day to saue what charge I can, though I had need to detayne
ge 85. them with me for the quietinge and keepinge them together. As yett I haue not lost any, but heere is one dangerously sick, whom I doe prouide for by the best meanes I cann. I shall hasten my returne what I may, at which time I will yeeld a iust account of my seruice and such monies as is comitted to my charge, I am bold to putt you in minde of my horse which I left at ye Crowne in Linn; With my humble seruice to your Noble self, I doe humbly take my leaue, and shall euer desire to remayne and to be at Yo^{r} Comand and Seruice, Pet: Murforde.

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An order made at ye King's Head in Norwch by Sr Roger Townsend Barr: Sr Cha: Cornwallis, Sr Will: de Gray and Sr Ant: Drury Knits and Deputy Leiutts how euery man shalbe charged, for findinge Armes in ye County of Norff.

Euerye man that hath 10li p Annm to be charged wth an whole foote Armor, and another to be ioyned with him to beare the charge for the seruinge therin.

And 20li p Annm to finde an whole foote armor at his owne charge.

And 40li p Annm to find two foote Armes.

And 80li p Annm to find a light horse and one foote Armes.

And 300li p Annm to find a Launce and two foote Armes.

And wheras euery towne is charged with Towne Armor, it is ordered that from henceforth those inhabitants which are vnder 10li p Annm in lands, and be not charged to any Armes as aforesayde, shall beare ye whole charge of the seruinge and keepinge the Towne Armor in seruiceable manner proportionably wth this Caution, that if there be not inhabitants ynough to beare ye sayd charge without surcharginge them, that then the other inhabitants shall supply the rest, at a reasonable proportion, as their priuate and particular charge considered shalbe thought fitt.—Ro: Townssend, Cha: Cornewallis, Will: de Gray, Ant: Drury.

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July 26,
1627.

A letter from the Deputy Leiutts in ye Countye of Norffe to ye Lo: Leiutt concerning ye Musters in the sayd Countye.

May it please yor Loppp,

We haue (accordinge to what it please yor Loppp by yor letters the 4th of May last to comande vs) taken ye seuerall Musters of all the Armed forces of this Countye, and therin followed in all things yor Loppps directions in the certificate of the same vnto yor Loppp. We haue for this time proceeded in the former vsuall forme, yt hath ben accustomed but with an

vnderwritten signification how much short we are both in ye horse and in ye Armes, and how defectiue in ye suffitiencye and furniture of both, which by experience we find not to be possible by any meanes of ours to be reformed: and therfore humbly leaue it to yor Lo^pps^ further consideration and order, to whose veiu in the meane time as formerly we haue ben directed. We haue heerein recoměnded the names of some of ye most refractory persons of ye Countye and whose contempts and neglects doe most deserue exemplarye punishment. And soe with ye humble remembrance of our duties, wee take our leaue, Charles Cornewallis, Tho: Woodhowse, Will: de Gray, John Hare.

Deereham,
ye 26th of July, 1627.

Defaults in ye Horse Troopes.

In Captayne Layer's charge
Clem^t^ Rolf of Tottington, gent.
In Captayne Ward's charge
Will: Peirce of Amringall
Stephen Baxter of Rednall
In Captayne Webb's charge
Tho: Goff of
Tho: Gaudron of Carbrook
In Captayne Ruggs' charge
Erasmus Briggs of Bradfeilde

Defaulters in ye foot Companies.

In Mr Robert Bacon's company
Tho: Hemstead of Fakenham
In Sr Will: de Gray his companye
Rich Elmer of Northwold
James Oliuer of Tottington

Defaults in the foote Companies.

In Mr Bar: Cotten's Companye
James Newton of Harleston
In Mr Browne's Companye
Nich: Cock of Waterden
In Sr Tho: Southwell's companye
Arthur Fuller of Winburge
Tho: Hankcock of
In Sr Tho: Woodhouse companye
Tho: Baxter of Newton
Francis Wayce of Cossie

In Sr Tho: Richardson's companye
Francis Symons of Suffeild
In Sr Hamon Le Sraingе companye
Tho: Girlinge of
Rob: Spelman of
In Mr Holland's Companye
Will: Barnard of Shelfanger

The Postscript of ye Generall Certificate.

Of ye number of Launces charged vpon this Countye, ther are wantinge aboue 25, who not soe much as appeere when they are Sumoned to excuse their neglect, and of those that doe shew horse and Armor diuers are defectiue in both: Of light Horses we want 120, and diuers of those yt are shewed not fitt for seruice. In the foote Companyes we find wantinge some good number, and diuers of those yt appeared are very defectiue.—Tho: Woodhouse, Cha: Cornewallis, Will: de Gray, John Hare.

Page 87. Sept. 10, 1627.

A letter to Sr John Hobert Knt and Bartt associate to ye Dep: Leiuts in ye County of Norff.

Sr,—We vnderstand yt it pleased you lately at ye King's head in Norwch openly at ye table, (wher were present many gent and others) to say yt in ye late seruice by vs executed for ye setting forth of Souldiers at Linn, ther had ben comitted (as by complaynts therof made you were informed) very great abuses.

That much mony had ben ther taken for discharginge of some imprested, and such sums as were liklye through future necessitye to inforce ye giuers thereof, by stealinge or other vnlawfull meanes to seek to repayre and sustayne themselues.

That the same would and were necessarye to be called in Question, ye fault of necessity being to fall vpon ye Dep: Leiuts or vpon their clarks.

Sr, such doe we know to be your owne birth and breedinge, and such yor knowledge of the trew termes of Honor and reputation, as soe publiquelye to haue ben eyther ye publisher or pronowncer of such an aspertion vpon vs, except

some proofe or testimonye (without all exceptions) had ben made and giuen vnto you of the same. For our selues to haue discharged any (able and fitt in y^{t} seruice to haue ben imployed) for mony, had ben both in generallitye soe very base, and to him whome we serue and act soe vnfaithfull, as were we culpable therof we should acknowledg our selues worthy of the deepest disgrace that could be layd vpon vs: and if our Clarks haue therin in such sort transgressed, we desire in like manner that in all seueritye they may tast of it. In the meane time we all (takinge an extraordinarye resentment to haue ben in soe Proclamatorye manner traduced, espetially by ye report of you our associate in ye Leiutenancye our countryman, our Neyghbour, and to some of vs in ye esteeme of a deare and professed frend, wherby in our country our reputation receyues so great a blemish, and by consequence the King's future seruices to be executed by vs noe small detriment, when ye eyes and opinions of the people our fayth and sinceritye shalbe made soe doubtfull, and by consequence our authority with them soe much deminished) could noe longer forbeare by these instantly and earnestly to pray you that those vpon whose complaynts you gaue foundation to your said speech, may presently be made knowne to vs, to the end y^{t} they may be at the next Sessions, where we desire that the sayd accusations may be openly heard, since by means of a report in an Inn, the same hath ben soe generally diuulged.

And soe S^{r}, not doubtinge of your performance (our selues beinge resolued to call it into Question, and not to suffer our reputations, wch aboue all that in this life we possess are most deare vnto vs, to lye any longer eyther in doubt or at the stoks,) with our hartye Commendations to you we rest, Yo^{r} verye louinge ffrends, Charles Cornewallis, Will: de Gray, John Hare.

This 10th of Sept.,
1627.

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Nov. 30,
1627.

To our louinge ffrends the Dep: Leiut^ts and Justices of Peace in ye Countye of Norff.

After our harty Comendations, wheras we are informed y^t many of the Souldiers lately returned from the Ile of Ree doe runn from their Colours, wherby his Maties seruice may receyue great preiudice, if speedy and effectuall order be not taken for ye future preuenting therof: We doe therfore heereby will and expressly require you to cause stronge and diligent watches to be kept vpon all the passages and vsuall wayes neere adioyninge those counties wher the Soldiers are bilited, for the apprehending of all such as leaue their companies without licence from the Comiss^rs appointed thervnto in ye seuall Counties, and if such runawayes come in any great numbers as ten or 20 or more together, you are to examine them, and Comitt the principall to ye next prison if you doe find iust cause, y^t they may be proceeded wth accordinge to Law for example to others and to send the rest back vnto their Colours from Consta: to Const: by 2, 3, or 4 in a Companye as you shall find to be most Conuenient, and if ther be such a number of them as cannot be ruled by ye Constable and his associates, the Dep: Leiut^s in such cases are heerby required to draw out such a number of the trayned bands as shalbe requisite, to the end y^t ye Country be not preiudiced by them at their returne: Lastly if you shall find amongst them any vagabonds y^t goe vnder ye Colour of Soldiers and are not, you shall comitt them to prison, and vpon due examination to inflict such punishm^t vpon them as you shall find they haue deserued. And soe expectinge your diligent and carefull performance of these our directions we bidd you very hartely farewell. From Whithall, this last of Nouember, 1627.—Yo^r very louinge ffrends, Mandeuile, Pembrook, Essex, Conway, Tho: Edmunds, J. Cook, Ri: Weston, Hum: May.

88. 8, **A letter from the Duke of Norff concerninge two Beacons to be sett vp in ye Hund: of Henstead.**

Thomas Duke of Norff, High Tresurer of Eng: Earle Marshall of the same and Leiut^t^ to our Soueraigne Lo: ye King's Matie for this time within his grace's County of Norff, amongst others his Maties Counties and sheires within this his grace's Realme, by force of his grace's letters patents therof made to ye sayd Duke, Sendeth greetinge, To the Cheife Const. and vnder Const^s^ and all other and singular ye inhabitants of ye Hund: of Earsham, Lodden, Knauing, Depwade and Henstead, and euy of them: Whereas the King's Matie our Sou Lord, and his most Hono: Counsell haue thought meet and expedient, and also comanded for ye defence of this part of his grace's Realme and his subiects in ye same, to sett two Beacons in the most apt and meet places w^th^in ye sayd sheire to warne and call together his subiects in the same, and to bring them to such places as his grace's enemies shall fortune to arriue and land within these parts of his grace's Realme to inuade the same, for the defence of the same Country, and to resist,
89. and withstand his sayd enemies and y^t^ his grace's sayd subiects should not be disquieted, by any Beacons or fyring of Beacons, but at such time as they should be warned by fyringe of ye same two Beakons to be sett as aforesayd, both wch Beacons should be fired only at the Ariuall of the K. Maties enemies, and not otherwayes. Therfore I the sayd Duke mindinge w^th^all celeritye and speed to sett forth the same according to ye Comand of our Souayne Lord the King's Matie, haue comanded two Beacons to be sett vpon Billow hill in Heningham heath within the Hundred of Henstead, which is the most meet and conuenient place w^th^in ye sayd County to take and receyue light at ye Sea coast through out the sheire, and to giue light knowledg fardest downe into the Country, wch Beacons be already sett vp and furnished accordingly by Tho: Gaudye, Edmund Billingforth, James Wood and Roger Goslinn gent, by my Comandm^t^ to whom I haue comitted the Order

of ye watchinge and keepinge of ye same; towards ye contribution of the charg of ye makinge of ye sayd Beakons and alsoe ye keepinge and watchinge of ye same from hencforth I doe allott and appoint the sayd Hundreds and euye of them, and all and singular the inhabitants within ye same hundreds and euy of them for ye time beinge; and alsoe I doe require and on ye behalf of our Souayne Lo: the King's Matie comand you y^t^ you be contributory and adying not only to ye charge of ye makinge of the sayd Beakons, but alsoe to ye keeping and watchinge of the same from henceforth, and y^t^ you the inhabitants of euery the sayd hundreds doe pay to ye Cheif Const. of ye Hundred wherin you doe inhabite or to ye vnder Const. of ye Towne where you dwell towards ye makinge of ye sayd Beakons and for ye keepinge and watchinge of the same from hencforth such sums of monyes as you shalbe rated to pay by ye sayd Tho: Gaudye, Edmund Billingsforth, James Wood and Roger Goslinn, and att such dayes and places as you shalbe appointed by them: and alsoe I doe charg and Comande you ye Cheif Const. of ye sayd Hundreds, y^t^ you and euy of you doe collect and gather of ye vnder Const. w^th^in ye Hundred wherof you are high Constable, all and singular such sums of mony as shalbe allotted to yor hundred by the sayd Tho: Gaudy and other his fellowes as aforesayd, and y^t^ you ye vnder Const. doe collect and gather within ye towne wherof you be vnder Constable all and euery such sums of mony as your Towne and the inhabitants of ye same shalbe charged towards the makinge and keepinge of ye sayd Beacons and ye same to pay to the Cheif Const. of the hundred wherin you dwell. And alsoe I doe discharge the sayd Hundreds and the inhabitants of the same and euery of them from henceforth for beinge contributorye or aydinge to ye keepinge or watchinge of any other Beacon but ye sayd Beacon vpon Billow Hill: and y^t^ Horton Beacon shall not be watched from henceforth, except an espetiall comand be giuen by ye King's Matie or his Noble Councell.

And y^t^ you fayle not heerein as you tender the King's Maties seruice, or the weale of this realme, and att your vttmost perill.

In wittnes wherof I haue putt my seale to this my present writinge the 8[t] day of August in the 37th yeare of the raigne of our sayd soueraygne Lord Hen: y[e] 8[t] by y[e] grace of God of England, France and Ireland King defender of the ffayth &c. and in earth supreame head of the Church of England and Ireland.—Tho: Norff.

0. **A note taken out of an auntient book, how many hundreds were antiently appointed to y[e] repayringe and watching of the Beacons in the Countye of Norff.**

Freebr: Marshland Freebr: Linn Clackclose	to Wolu[?]ton Beacon.
Smithdon So: Greenhoe Landish	to Thornam Beacon in Smithdon Hundr̃.
Gallow Brothercross	to Burnham Beacon.
No: Greenhoe Wayland Giltcross Grimshaw Earsham	to Wells Beacon.
Holt Eynsford Henstead	to Wayborne Beacon in Holt Hundred.
Tunstead Humbleyard Forehoe	to Keswick Beacon in Tunstead Hund:
Happinge Tauerham Deepewade Shropham	to Hasburge and W. Ruston Beacon in Happing hund:
No: Erpinghā So: Erpinghā Mittford	to Runton and to Triminghā Beacons.
East Flegg West Flegg Walsham Blofeild Loddon Clau[?]inge	to Winterton Ferden Saltish bushaven.

Mem[?] Norton Beacon in Lodden Hund: de Nouo
Snetisham Beacon in Smethden Hundred
Taufts Beacon in Gallow Hundred
Clincherton in
Porland Beacon in Henstead Hundred

These Beacons are made longe since y[e] old booke and diuers of the sayd Hund: are allotted to them.

It appeares by an Instrum^t bearinge date the 18th of Aug: in 27 Hen: 8 vnder ye hand and Seale of Thomas then Duke of Norff. High Treasurer of England, Earle Marshall and Lo: Leiut^t of Norff: that there should be one Beacon sett vp in Porland, which Beacon should neuer be sett on fyer vntill the enemye were landed. And that the Hundred of Earsham Lodden, Clau⁹inge, Deepwade, and Henstead, should euer heerafter be contributories to the makinge, repayringe, and watchinge of ye sayd Beacon, and should alsoe be discharged of any payment to any other.

The 4th of October, 1625.

Now for y^t we haue seene ye instrument it self wherby ye sayd Beacon in Porland was first erected, we thinke it fitt the sayd Beacon shalbe continued accordinglye: and ye sayd Hund: of Henstead to be discharged of the payment for the watchinge of any other Beacon, and y^t the Hundred of Earsham only shall contribute to the repayringe and watchinge of the sayd Porland Beacon.—John Hobert, Cha: Cornewallis, Anthony Drury, Wi: de Gray, John Hare.

Page 91. Jan. 14, 1627.

To my very louinge ffrends my Deputye Leiutenants in the County of Norff.

After my hartye Comendations vnto you; I haue receyued letters from the Lo: of his Maties most Honble priuy Councell, in the name of his Maiesty, directinge and Comandinge a Muster and gen⁹all vieu of all the trayned Horse within the County of Norff to be made and had at Leicester on ye 21th day of Aprill next followinge: wherein are likwise specified many perticular and necessarye instructions for ye due and orderly performance thereof, wch for ye more conuenience and yor better assurance, I forbeare heere to repeate, but referr you for your surer information vnto their Lo^pps letters, a true coppye wherof I now send vnto you. Therin you may see ye strong inducements wch leade his Maties princely wisdome vnto this course,

both for preuention of any thinge may happen from abroad, as alsoe for perfect rectefying and amending such defaults and neglects as are too frequent in this seruice at home. As I haue heeretofore vpon all occasions called vpon yor cares and paynes, and incited you by all meanes to haue an espetiall regard to ye due and full execution of this seruice, soe I cannot but continue the same, and more earnestly now then euer press you to an extraordinary diligence heerin, y^{t} his Matie and y^{er} Lo^{ps} may now receyue full satisfaction of your former proceedings and care had in this seruice. Wherefore I earnestlye require you fully and in points to put their Lo^{ps} directions in due execution forthwith vpon ye receyt heerof issuing out your warrants wth all stricktnes to require all such parties as are charged to finde Horse and Armes accordingly, speedely to prouide such necessaries as doe belonge vnto them, y^{t} by hauinge a suffitient time of warninge, they may amende and supply all former defects: As I am assured of yor discrete paynes heerin soe I cannot conceyue that any person knowinge of his Maties strickt will and pleasure dare be soe disobedient and refractory as to offend in any ye least point heerein. Touchinge ye exercisinge of the troopes in the meane time both in Companies and in priuate, the appointment of fitt and able men to serue for the recusants, the preuention of borrowinge Horse and Armes as much as in you lyeth, the sendinge vp of the persons which shall comitt ye defaults; and the true and exact account in fayre and compleate manner of all ye horses, Troopes, Munition, and warlike prouisions, within y^{t} Countye. I leaue these things (as the rest) wholye to your directions and care, not doubtinge of your accustomed paynes and carefull proceedings heerin. Wheras I am commanded to attende his Maties will and pleasure and their Lo^{pps} further directions with two or more of you in May next, I doe intende before that time that you shall heare further from me touchinge the same: before which I pray and require you to giue me a full and perfect account of all ye pceedings you shall haue heerein, that vpon aduise and consideration, I may sett things in a due and orderlye way, against

the time appointed. I cannot but agayne desire you, to vse your best care and paynes in this busines, that in as much as may be noe default nor neglect may be founde on yor parts, but that you may rather receyue his Maties and their Lordshipps thanks and encouragements for your deserts.—Yo^{r} verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell House,
14 of Januarye 1627.

Page 92. Jan. 10, 1627.

To our very good Lo: ye Earle of Arundell and Surry, Lo: Leiut. of ye County of Norff.

After our verye hartye Comendations to yor Lo^{p}, His Matie out of his princelye care and wisdome foreseeinge how necessarye it is in this hostile and dayngerous time, to haue the trayned bands wthin the kingdome to be kept in such a warlike preparation, that they may be readye vpon all occasions of present seruice: and beinge informed y^{t} at this time they are generally soe ill furnished and prouided, y^{t} they are noe wayes soe fitt as they ought to be, if there should be any suddayne occasion to perform ye seruice for wch they are ordayned; and y^{t} not onlye the defects are great in those y^{t} doe shew their Horses and armes, but y^{t} manye for ye sauinge of charges doe borrow horses and Armes to shew as their owne, and many doe p^{r}sume not to finde the horses and armes with wch they are charged. His Matie therfore thinks fitt to take a vieu and muster of the Horse of verye many of the sheirs in his owne person, bycause ye frequent directions of this table haue not hetherto preuayled to reforme ye necletts and supply ye defects: But because his Matie cannot be present in ye more remote places, and is vnwillinge to giue soe much troble to those countries as to bringe vp their horse hether to London, he hath ordered neerer places and more comodious for them to take their Musters, and hath deputed som person of trust, to be present and to make report vnto him of the state and condition of ye seu^{r}all troopes; for wch purpose his Matie requires yor Lo^{p} to giue directions for

all ye Horse charged in your Leiutenancye to repayre to Leicester to be Mustred on ye 21th of Aprill next by 9 of ye clock in ye morninge in some conuenient place neere therevnto: And his M^tie require yor Lo^p y^t the seru^ll bands be supplyed wth their full numbers, and y^t ye men, Horse and armes, be all fitt for seruice: wherin his Matie expects not y^t any should put himself to extraordinary expence for Apparell, but y^t eu^ry man should appeare like a Souldier well horsed, Armed, and furnished, according to such directions as you haue heertofore receyued by ye printed instructions: and y^t your Lo^p doe giue Comandem^t in ye meane time to traine ye seu^ll troopes frequently togither to exercise them to the vse of theire Armes, and to enbre them to the order of seruice, and besides to giue them particular directions twice or thrice a week at their seu^ll dwellings to ride their Horses Armed, and by such priuate practise to accustome themselues to ye vse of their Pistolls and other Armes, which will mak them more prompt and apt when they come to ye gen^ll muster to receyue further instructions in ye Course of Militarye seruice; Wherin his Matie doth not doubt but y^t your care and diligence wilbe such, y^t he may haue cause rather to Comend your diligence and dutye in performinge this greate trust reposed in you, then any wayes to reprehend your slacknes or remissnes in hauinge omitted any thinge on your part that might turne to the least damage or disseruice of his Matie. As for the recusants horses it is now required as it hath ben heertofore directed that euerye one of them doe finde such Horse and Armes as they are charged with, and that yor Lo^p or your Deputies, doe appoint the men that shall serue for them to be trayned and exercised: And his Matie doth lett yor Lo^p know that if any man in this gen^ll muster shall appeare with a borrowed Horse, or Armes, or in any other vnfittinge manner, he will proceede agaynst him, as an high contemner of his Royall Comande, and as one that betrayes (as much as in him lyeth) the Honor of his Matie and safetye of his kingdome.

93. And if any shall make default and not appeare with his Horse and armes as is heereby appointed, you shall send vp

such a person in safe custodye to appeare before this Board. Lastly, bycause the apparent and eminent dayngers from forraine enemies on manye sides doe awaken his Maties care to aduise of all preuentions and remedies that may be thought conuenient, both for ye defects that may be discouered, espetiallye in these musters of Horse, as alsoe in all other warlike prouisions, which the wisdomes of former times haue found necessarye for the securinge of this Realme against forraigne inuasions. His Maties will and pleasure is that your Lo^{p} together with one or two more of yor Deputye Leiutenants accordinge to your direction repayre hether to London on the 7th of May next, to recyue such directions from his Maties and this Board for the perfectinge of the musters of horse and foote, and other warlike preparations within this Realme as vpon conference shalbe thought meete, and it is expected that you bringe with you, the perfect state of all the millitarye forces both of Horse and foote within your Leiutenancye. And soe we bidd yor Lo^{p} very hartelye farewell. From Whit Hall, the 10th of Jan., 1627.—Yo^{r} Lo^{pps} verye louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentry C.S., Manchester, Pembrok, Theo: Suffolk, Tho: Edmunds, J: Cooke, Maleburge, Buckingham, Mongomery, Guil: Batho and Wellentis, Ro: Nanton, Hump: May.

The whole troops of Horses to meete at theise fower seuerall places, viz.

At Howneslow.	*At Leicester.*
Bedford and Barksh̃	Chesheire
Bucking̃ and Oxford	Darbysheire
Midlesex and Londo̅	Wostersheire
Cambr: and Suff	Warwicksheire
Essex and Hertford	Lestersheire
Hunting^{t} and Kent	Rutlandsheire
Northampt̃ and Surry	Lincolnesh̃
Sussex and Hampsh̃	Nottinghamsh̃
	Staff and Norff.

At Shaftesbury.	*At York.*
Dorsettsheire	Lancaster
Somsettsheire	Cumberland
Wiltsheire	Northumberland
Glostersheire	Westmland
Deuonsheire	Durham
	Yorksheire

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To ye Right worth our very louinge ffrend Sr Robert Mordant Knt and Barr: Capt. of ye Hundrs of Frebr: Cit Linn, Freb: Mershland and Clackclose giue these.

After our verye harty Comendations,

Hauinge latelye receyued letters from ye Right Hoble the Earle of Arrundell and Surrey Lo: Leiut of this County, together with letters of direction from ye Lo: of his Maties most Honoble priuye Counsell vnto his Lop, Wherby is signified yt his Matie out of his princelye care and wisdome foreseinge how necessarye it is in this hostile and dayngerous time to haue all the trayned bands of this kingdome to be kept in a warlike preparation, and readines vpon all occasions for prsent seruice: and beinge informed how genally ill furnished and prouided they are and would be found vpon any suddayne occasion to performe the seruice for wch they are ordayned: and yt the defects are great in those yt doe shew theire Horses and Armes, yt diuers doe borrow of both sorts of others to shew as their owne, and yt many doe presume not to finde at all ye horses and armes with which they are charged: And for yt ye frequent directions of the Lo: of his Counsell haue not hetherto preuayled to reforme ye neglects and supply ye defects beforesayd, doth therfore think fitt to take a veiu and muster of ye horses of verye many of ye sheires and Counties of this kingdome in his owne royall person, but bycause his Matie cannot be prsent in ye more remote places of this kingdome, he hath ben pleased to depute some persons of trust to be prsent and make report vnto him of the state

of ye sayd troopes: and hath giuen spetiall comand y^t all ye horses charged within this Countye doe repair to ye Towne of Leicester to be veiued and mustered vpon ye 21 day of Aprill next by nine of ye Clock in ye forenoone, and y^t then they appeare in their full numbers well Horsed, Armed, and furnished like souldiers according to such directions and such instructions as heertofore haue ben giuen in print. These shalbe therfore in his Maties name to require and charge you, y^t p^rsently you call together ye seu^ral all troops of Horse and Armes whereof you are Captayne, before you to see ye defects both in ye men, Horse, and Armes in eu^ry point to be supplyed and furnished before the 26 day of Febr: next: Vpon wch day we alsoe require you not to fayle soe to present them vnto vs or some of vs at Castleacre by 8^t of the clock in ye morneinge, to ye end we may there take a Veiu of them; in ye meane time y^t you frequently exercise them in ye vse of their Armes for ye better inuringe them to the order of seruice, and to giue them direction, y^t at their seuerall dwellings twice or thrice in ye weeke y^ey ride their Horses Armed, and y^t by present practice to accustome themselues to the vse of their Pistolls and other Armes: and to ye end y^t his Maties pleasure and determination may be made knowne to all y^t be charged, we hold it fitt that you presently giue notice vnto them, y^t if any man in this generall muster shall appeare wth any borrowed horse or armes, or in any other vnfittinge mann, he will proceede agaynst him as an hye Contemner of his Royall Comandm^t, as a betrayer as much as in him lyeth, of his Honor and the safetye of ye kingdome: and y^t if any man shall make default and not appeare wth their horses and armes as is appointed, we are Comanded to send them vp in safe custodye to appeare before the Lords of the Counsell for that purpose. We alsoe
Page 95. thinke it necessarye for this present service recomended vnto us, beinge of soe greate consequence, that you vse all the diligence, honest and equall endeauour you cann to informe yor self of all such persons residinge within ye seu^ral hundreds wherein you Command as Captayne of a troope of horse, as are vncharged with horse, wch haue to ye value of 100^li p ann, and

in bonds or goods to ye value of 1500^li and vpwards: and of others liuinge out of ye County or in ye Cittye of Norw^ch which haue lands w^thin any of the sayd hundreds of 100^li p Ann̄ and vpwards as aforesayd which are likewise vncharged for the same: and heereof, and what you shall doe therein you giue knowledg to Sr Roger Tounsend, Kn^t and Barr^t and to Sr John Hare, Kn^t to ye end they may vpon vnderstanding therof, eyther approue or disalowe in such sort as ye parties may be certaynelye charged at their p̲ll, to appeare before them at ye day aforesayd: and y^t for ye better performance thereof you require the im̄ediate assistance of ye Cheif Constables who serue within those Hundreds, and so lett them know y^t heerin we expect their euen, iust, and dutifull dealinge, as they will answere the contrarye at their vttmost perills. Soe we rest Yo^r verye louinge ffrends, John Hobert, Rog: Tounsend, Will: de Gray, Tho: Woodhouse, Char: Cornewallis, John Hare.

Norwich,
ye 24th Jan., 1627.

95. **The deuisions and meetings of ye Deputy Leiut^ts and Captaynes in the County of Norff.**

Sr John Hobert . .	East Flegg, West Flegg, Happing, Tunstead . .	Mr Rugg
	Blowfeild, Walshā, Lodden, Claueringe, Tauerham . .	Sr Rich: Berney
	Diss, Deepewade, Earsham, Hensteade	Mr Warde
Sr Char: Cornewallis .	No: Erpinghā, So: Erpinghā, No: Greenhoe, Eynsford, Holt	Mr Layer
Sr Rog: Tounsend . Sr John Hare . .	Landitch, Smethdon, Gallow, Brothercross . . .	Mr Walpoole
Sr Tho: Woodhouse . Sr Will: de Gray . .	Mittford, Forehowe, Humbleyard, So: Greenehoe .	Mr Bladwell

Sr Roger Tounsend .	Grimshaw, Wayland . .	Mr Webb
	Shropham, Giltcross . .	
Sr John Hare . . .	Frebr: Mershland, Febr:	Sr Robert
	Linn, Clackclose	Mordant

Page 96. Feb. 4, 1627.

To my very louinge ffrends my Deputye Leiut of ye County of Norff or two of them.

After my harty Comendations vnto you since my last letter vnto you, I haue ben mooued agayne to discharg Sr Robt Mordant Knight and Barr^{t} of his Captayns place of Horse; as I was afrayd in that of Sr Rich: Barney, least it should be an example to others to desire ye like soe I am now confirmed by this, y^{t} if way be giuen in this kinde his Maties seruice will not only be neglected, when any charge falls theron, but wholy deserted if any greater occasion should happen. Touchinge the first I since vnderstand he is a man of greate estate and abilitye and may conuenientlye attend ye seruice, wch he hath ben contented to hould soe longe; wherfore as I then wholy left his desire vnto your considerations to be graunted as you shall finde conuenient; I haue since thought good to lett you know y^{t} vnless you shall finde most necessarye and ineuatable cause to ye contrarye, that he continue still to doe his seruice and office of Captayne to y^{t} Troope of Horse wch he formly Comanded at least-wise for this presentation at Leicester, that himself may giue Account of the condition of his charge. On the behalf of S^{r} Ro: Mordant I haue receyued this certificate of Mr Doctor Cademan, Phisitian, wch I heere send vnto you, to ye end y^{t} you may consider therof, and forthwith returne me your opinions, what you think fitt to be done therin, wherin I cannot but agayne inforce vnto you ye consequence of such a president. I pray you to haue an espetiall care to ye due performance of your busines in hand, Soe I rest Yo^{r} verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell house,
the 4th of Febr: 1627.

I haue thought fitt to lett you know, that if you shall approue of Sr Roberts iust reasons of excuse, I would have you to Consider of some of these gent: to vndertake his charge. Tho: Deerham Esq$_{3}$, Roger Pratt esq$_{3}$, Ro: Butler esq$_{3}$, Grigory Gawsell esq$_{3}$.

Sr Robert Mordant Knight and Barronett of the Countye of Norff hath a great difficultye of Hearinge, which is manifest to all that conuerse with him, hath his head impostumated, and his eares often purulent, wherby he is not only vncapable of any office that requires action, but in eminent daynger of his life, if he doth not retire himselfe to attend his cure in the opinion of his seruants and Phisitian.—Tho: Cademan.

London,
Febr: 3^{d}, 1627.

97. **To our very louinge ffrends the High Sheriff, the Deputy Leiut^{ts} and Justices of Peace in the Countye of Norff.**

After our verye hartye Com̄endations, By the King's owne letter you shall best perceyue the nature and importance of ye busines; what his Matie expects at yor hands your owne iudgment will best tell you, when his confidence is such in yor good affections, as y^{t} he com̄itts ye managinge of the busines wholye to yor selues; onlye theise things we are to recom̄end and require of you: That as ye King's letters are to all the Justices of peace of y^{t} Countye in generall, soe vpon your meetinge at ye day as shalbe sett downe by ye Sheriff, you deuide your selues in each hundred of ye Countye and setle the busines speedelye: and that you agree vpon Collectors, and they to make returne of theire receyts presentlye. By ye King's letters you see what speede this busines requires; and therfore we expect some answere of your proceedings, and the way you thinke best to take therin. And soe we bidd you very hartelye farewell. From Whithall, this 12th of Febr: 1627. —Yo^{r} very louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentry C.S., Malburge,

Pembrook, Theo: Suff, Salisburye, Exeter, Carlile, Bridgwater, Wil: Kanburye (*sic*),[3] Kellis (*sic*), R: Winton, Hum: May, Tho: Edmunds, John Sauile, Rich: Weston.

Page 97. Feb. 11, 1627. Carolus Rex.—Trustye and welbeloued we greet you well. It is knowen vnto all men that our Deare vncle the Kinge of Denmarke is brought into great distress, that without present succour the Sound wilbe lost, our garrison in Stoade broken by ye Emperor's forces, which now doth streightly beseige it, our East land trade wch maintayneth our shippinge, and ye Staple at Hanborough which vents our cloth both gotten from vs: besides it is knowen likewise y^t^ two great Kings of Spaine and France and the Pope with them are ioyned to roote out our Religion; y^t^ their Admiralls the Duke of Guise and Don Frederike of Tolledoe are at this present before Rochell and endeauoringe to block it vp; y^t^ they haue store of land men readye vpon the coast of Brittanye, with them and their forces to inuade vs, of the eminent dayngers to the true religion, to our Allies, our Countries and the trade of our people; We assure our selues euerye well affected Subiect wilbe verye sencible as we are, and certaynelye ther is a necessitye come vpon vs, not only much of debatinge as actinge our defence, and vnless there be present meanes found to sett a powerfull fleet to Sea to disbandon them that lye before Rochell, that Towne and our religion in those parts are sure to be ruined. We haue beyond the custome of our Royall progenitors, spared
Page 98. neyther our Jewells, nor our plate, nor our lands, to supply publiq; occasions, we now expect speedye and proportionable supply for this seruice from the loue and dutye of our people whence that charge for their owne preseruation should euer come: We find further in the debate of this busines with our priuye Counsell, y^t^ it is not possible this fleete of ours now to be sett forth, can stay saflye till a Parlim^t^ may be assembled, and we thinke it neyther wise nor safe for our selues or you to be taken settinge in a Parlim^t^ and soe proclayme to ye world

[3] Probably Banbury and Bettis.

y^t^ we consult too late; Therfore although we are issuinge out our writts for a present Parlim^t^ yett because we finde ye busines cannot stay soe longe since y^t^ must haue the ordinarye course of Sum̄ons, we expect yor present performance of this seruice not doubtinge but y^t^ ye Parlim^t^ when it comes will consider the vrgencye of the thinge and the hast of ye time, giue vs thanks for this timelye prouision: now this we must lett you know, that if you make this present supply, we will then goe on with our Parlim^t^ if not, then we must thinke of some more speedye way; and yett it is not wee y^t^ put this condition vpon you, but ye meere necessitye of the time and seruice, which if you doe neglect, then it is not our fault but your owne that yee haue not a Parlim^t^, for we must putt you in minde y^t^ it is not possible the affaires of Christendome should receyue a turne to our aduantage, but only by God's blessinge and our speed: and we assure you that your makinge of vs and your selues secure by this present ayd, to sett safe in Parlim^t^ nothinge shall then diuert vs in meetinge you at the day prefixed. And since all men see it is not safe to sett downe now without this fleete to back vs, it wilbe less fitt then when the yeare is further aduanced. And though this way seeme to you a greate charge, yett we haue ben soe carefull in orderinge and proportioning busines, that we haue layd a greater sum̄e vpon our selues then vpon you: And we further recom̄end vnto you, y^t^ our former distractions the onlye causes of disaduantages abroade may be layd downe, that soe God's blessinge may come into our success, that our last deuitions did vs more harme then our Com̄on eneme, soe our present vnion testified in this foregoinge signe of preparinge this fleet which is of greater consequence, and will add more credite then the monye it self, and may be ye happye forerunner of future happines. And last of all since this great busines of setting out ships vsed to be charged vpon the port Townes and neyghboringe sheires, is too heauye for them alone in this great proportion; Therfore we haue thought fitt, with aduise of our priuye Counsell, and agreeable to ye Presidents of former times, to cause the whole charge of this, fleet to be cast vp, and to be distributed amongst all the

Counties at a proportionable rate accordinge to which proportion the same is to be raysed in the County of Norff comes to 5814^{li}.

And bycause we are confident of yor forewardnes and zeale to the seruice soe deeplye concerninge the interest and safetye of you all, we giue you ye power but comitt the trust for the manner of leavyinge therof to yor care, yett in such sort, that you will not make the vneuen rate of Subsedye your onlye rule of proportion but to proceede to the true worth of mens landes and estates within ye Countye, soe ye poore may be eased and yett the busines be done.

Page 99. The time assigned for our sayd fleete to be at Sea, is the first of March next, and therfore you are presentlye vpon receyt of this our letter to assemble your selues and to Apportion the seuerall Sums of each deuision or hundred and within three dayes after to repayre to ye sayd seuerall places, and take order for the setlinge of Collectors, which you are with all speede to certefie to our Counsell, and to take order for ye returne of the monyes before the sayd first of March: What farther instructions shalbe thought necessarye you shall receyue from our Counsell: But thus much we are pleased to signifie vnder our owne hand that you and all men may know, that the necessarye preseruatiue of both Church and Common wealth presseth vs to this hast: and that wee for our parte, will not be wantinge to our dutye of protection: and we are confident that our louinge Subiects will not desert eyther vs or themselues, the Church and common wealth, neyther doubt we but God's blessinge wilbe vpon our mutuall accord and endeauours, which we hope the present ensuinge Parliment will to our greate comforts manifest to the world: and these our letters shalbe vnto you a suffitient warrant and discharge in this behalfe. Giuen vnder our Signett at our Pallace of Westminster, the 11th of Febr: in the third yeare of our Raygne.—Yo^{r} Maties pleasure signified by Mr Secretarye Cooke, Woodibard deputye.

To our trustye and welbeloued our
High Sheriff, the Deputye Leiut^{ts} and
Justices of the Peace in our Countye
of Norff and to eyther of them.

Memorandum Receyued the 20th of Februarye a Proclamation dated the 16th of the same moneth, 1627, to stay the execution of the letter aforesayd, and alsoe of the priuye seales except to strangers onlye, and wholye to relye vpon the loue of the people in Parliment, and not to deferr their assemblinge for this or anye other occasion beyond the first day for that purpose appointed, which is the 27th day of March next cōminge.

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To my verye louinge ffrends, my Deput. Leiut. in ye County of Norff.

After my hartye Cōmendations vnto you,

Accordinge to a letter which I haue receyued from the Lords of his Maties most Hoble priuye Counsell for the billitinge of fiue Companyes of Irish Souldiers to be taken out of Essex wthin the countye of Norff: I doe heerebye earnestly pray and require you to putt the same in due execution accordinge to the instructions in their Lops letters (a true Coppye wherof I heerewith send vnto you) for my part I can giue you noe better directions then those which their Lops haue alreadye appointed which I desire you to obserue stricktly in euerye particular, soe disposinge the Souldiers by yor care as noe disturbance nor disorder (if it may be) may ensue. I pray you conferr with my Deputye Leiuts of the Cittye of Norwch for the equall deuidinge and ratinge both the persons and charge heereof betweene you accordinge to the iust proportions heertofore obserued in such like kinds, to whom I haue writt alsoe to the same effect: I must againe press you to shew yor best care in orderlye and effectually accōmodatinge this busines as is directed. And desire you withall to heare from you of your proceedings heerin. I rest Yor louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrye.

Arundell house,
the 27th Febr: 1627.

Page 100. Feb. 26, 1627.

A letter from the Lo: of the Counsell to the Lo: Leiut in the Countye of Norff.

After our very hartye Comendations to your Lo^pp^,

Wheras we finde it requisite for his Maties seruice that fiue of those Companyes of Irish Souldiers now billited in ye Countye of Essex should be remoued from thence and billited in ye County of Norff. These are therfore to pray and require yor Lo^pp^ to giue effectuall order to yor Deputye Leiut for ye receyuinge and billitinge of them w^th^in ye sayd Countye in such places as shalbe found most conuenient, and ye charge thereof at ye rate of iij^s^ vj^d^ ye week for one man, to be borne for the present by ye countye and ye same to be indifferentlye layd and leuied, according as hath ben accustomed vpon like occassions of ye publiq^s^ seruices; repaym^t^ wherof shalbe made out of his Maties exchequer by the Lo: Treas: and Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer vpon a iust account to be therof made and presented to them by yor deputy Leiut^s^ and in case any person shall refuse to billett any of ye sayd souldiers, beinge by you thervnto appointed or to pay his rateable part assessed towards the charge of billitinge them, y^t^ you returne certificate to this Board the names of eu^ry^ the sayd persons in writinge, to ye end such further order may be taken wth them for their contempt heerein as we shall finde cause. And soe we bidd yor Lo^p^ very hartely ffarewell.—Your Lo^pps^ ffrends, Tho: Couentry C.S., Manchester, Salisbury, Exeter, Theo: Suff, Bridgwater, Banburye, Tho: Edmonds, Ro: Nanton, Rich: Weston.

From White Hall,
the 26 of Febr: 1627.

Page 101. Mar. 3, 1627.

A Warrant from the Deputye Leiut^s^ in the Countye of Norff to the Cheif Constables of the Hundred of North Erpingham.

Wheras we haue receyued a letter dated the 27th of the last moneth from our Lo: Leiut. with a transcript of a letter from

ye Lo^s^ of his Maties most Ho^ble^ priuye Counsell to him, Comandinge vs for his Maties seruice presentlye to receyue and billett fiue companies of Irish Souldiers amountinge to the number of 500; the charge of whom after the Rate of iij^s^ vj^d^ the weeke for a man, is to be borne by ye country, and the same to be answered agayne vpon a iust account made by vs after the performance of the seruice out of his Maties Exchequer. And for as much as the sayd fiue Companies are in this Countye to remayne vntill such time as for his Maties seruice they shalbe recalled, and otherwise employed, wherof we are vncertayne. These are therfore in his Maties name, streightly to charge and Comand you presentlye vpon receyte heerof you leuye and Collect within your Hundred of North Erpingham the sum̄ of 12^li^ 5^s^ towards one moneths charge for ye payment of the Souldiers, and the same to pay with all expedition vnto the hands of Sr Charles Cornewallis and Sr John Hobert or to one of them: and in case any person shall refuse to pay such sum̄s as are imposed vpon them towards the sayd charge, that then you certefie to vs their names and place of dwellinge, to the end we may as we are Comanded make a present certificate vnto the Lords of his Maties most Hono^ble^ priuye Counsell, before whom they are to appeare, and to receyue from the Ho^ble^ Board such further order as for their contempt therin they shall finde cause. Heerin we charge you not to fayle as you tender his Maties seruice and will answere the contrarye at your vttmost perills. Giuen vnder our hands at Norw^ch^, this 3^d^ of March, 1627.

To the Cheif Constable of the Hundred of North Erpingham.

If you receyue noe order from vs to the Contrarye you are to leuye the same sum̄ the end of this moneth for the next moneth.

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Mar. 7,
1627.

To the Right worth our louinge ffrend the Mayor of King's Lynn giue this.

After our hartye Comendations vnto you,

Wheras we haue verye latelye receyued a letter dated ye 27th of the last moneth from our Lo: Leiut^t, with the transcript of a letter from the Lords of the Counsell, comandinge vs for his Maties seruice presentlye to receyue and billett in this Countye fiue companies of Irish Souldiers amountinge to ye number of 500 psons. We haue thought good to send one companye consistinge of one hundred vnder the Comande of Captayne John Crosby, to be billited within your towne of King's Linn: And doe therfore in his Maties name heereby straightly charge and require you, that presentlye vpon the receyte heereof, you receyue and see them bilited and placed accordinglye in ye most fitt and conuenient howses wthin your said towne: And for the defrayinge of the charge for soe longe time as they shall there remayne within your sayd Towne, they are to be allowed vjd a day for euery man; Whatsoeuer you shall disburse, you shall be allowed it agayne, as it hath ben alreadye done to other places wthin this Countye where they haue stayed; vpon an account giuen from you to Sr . . . . . or to one of them, out of the generall leuye of Monye which we are Comanded to make through the Countrye for that purpose. And in case that any person or persons shall refuse to billett or receyue into their Howses anye of the sayd Souldiers beinge by you thervnto appointed, that you immediatelye certefie to vs or some of vs or our associates in ye Deputye Leiutenancye of their seuerall names, to the end we may as we are Comanded make a present certificate of them vnto the Loe of his Maties most honorable priuye Counsell, before whom they are to appeare and to receyue from the Honoble Board such further order as for their Contempt therin they shall finde cause; and soe nothinge doubtinge of your carefullnes in the performance heereof, Wee bidd you heartelye farewell and rest Yor louinge ffrends, Char: Cornewallis, Tho: Woodhouse.

Norwch,
this 7th of March, 1627.

03. **To the Right worth Sr Tho: Woodhouse Knight and Barrt, Sr Tho: Southwell, Sr Will: de Gray, Sr John Hare, Sr Robert Bell Knts, Tho: Athow Serieant at Law, Comissions appointed, amongst others for his Maties Subsedies, and to euerye of them.**

May it please you to vnderstand that one of his Maties messengers hath ben with vs, and hath left the Comission for ye Subsedies with letters from the Los of the Counsell and Rolls of Queene Elizabeth's time out of ye Exchequer, desiringe you to be pleased to giue a meetinge at the King's Head in Norwch vpon Saturday, the 19th of this moneth by 9 of the clock in the forenoone, for ye limitinge our selues accordinge to our auntient custome, and for further proceedinge of the sayd busines, as we are Comanded by ye sayd Comission, And soe in hast with our best respects, we rest Yor louinge ffrends, John Jermye, Owen Sheeppard.

12 of Julye, 1628.

103, 31, **A letter from the Los of the Counsell to the Lo: Leiutt of the Countye of Norff.**

The present state of Christiandome (as things now stande) is motiue ynough for all men in all places to be prepared and haue all things in readines for defence, yett bycause the times require more then ordinarye care, we must with more earnestnes recommend vnto you Lopp the mustringe and trayninge both of horse and foote within yt Countye of your Leiutenancye. The defects wherof his Matie was soe informed of, as yt yor Lopp knowes it was latelye in his purpose to haue taken a vieu of many of ye horse with his owne eye, and had them hether and ye rest to other places, that all defects beinge supplyed they might haue appeared stronge and compleat, which bycause it might haue ben very chargable to ye Countrye at this time his Matie was pleased to forebeare. But his Matie

now expecteth and Comandeth y^t the more care bee taken by you and your Deputye Leiut^s in that Countye, y^t the musters at this time may be made full, and all defects supplyed, both in horse and foote, and all furniture necessarye and compleate, and bycause you haue manye times ben directed by former letters frō the board in particulars, and espetially by our letters the 10th of July, 1626. We will not now repeate all those directions at large, but breiflye point at them, and referr you to the letter and other directions, that haue ben giuen you from hence.

Page 104. First therfore we pray and require your Lo^pp, to take order with your Deputye Leiut^s that there be an exact vieu taken both of horse and foote, and to see that the same be compleate, That the Souldiers be perfectlye instructed in ye exercise of their Armes; That the Captayne, officers, and Souldiers be not onlye able and suffitient men, but well affected to Religion. That all the trayned bands be in a readines to repayre to ye Randeuous with their Armes and prouisions vpon an howers warninge. That you endeauour as much as in you lyeth, to increase the number of the trayned bands, espetiallye of the Horse. That the best sort of men be dealt seriously withall, to be furnished with Armes for their particular vse. That espetiall care be taken for the prouision of Powder, Match and Lead, and put into Magasines, accordinge to the former directions. That prouisions for cariages be in a readines, vpon any suddayne occasion, for the conuayance of Munition. That the Beacons be prepared. That the proportion of Pioners after the rate of 100 to a 1000 Souldiers be prouided, with carts, cariages and a conuenient number of naggs to mount shott vpon. That an honest and discreet person be appointed to be prouost Marshall in y^t Countye, for ye apprehendinge and punishinge such vagrant and idle persons, as liue not in anye lawfull vocation: Of all these thinges or any thinge else, y^t may tend to the good, saftye, and defence of the Countye, we pray your Lo^pp to take care and to giue direction to yor Deputy Leiu^s accordinglye, and espetially to giue vs an exact Account of the state of that Countye within yor Lo^pps

Leiutenancye, wherof we must lett your Lo^pp^ know there is too much neglect vsed in most Countyes. Wherfore it is his Maties express pleasure, that we giue him a strict Account by the 10 of September next, what counties shall fayle in returninge their certificate, and accounts of the Musters and warlike prouisions of euerye Countye, that soe his Matie may therby the better discerne the strengh of ye kingdome. And for the time when this generall Muster should be taken (though his Matie requires speed in it) yett he leaueth the choise of the time to yor discretion, soe as it be done as soone as with Conueniencye it may be. Soe we bidd y^r^ Lo^pp^ verye hartelye farewell. From White Hall, the last of May, 1628.—Lo: President, Lo: Steward, Earle of Suff, Earle of Holland, Earle of Tottnes, Earle of Dubline, Earle of Morton, Viscount Conway, Lo: Bish: of Ba: and Wells, Lo: Carleton.

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A letter from ye Lo: Leiut^t^ to his Dep^ty^ Leiut^s^ in the Countye of Norff.

After my hartye Comendations vnto you,

Since those for the puttinge of the meetinge of yor horse troops, at Lecester, I haue receyued other letters from the Lords of the Counsell for a genall muster both of ye Horse and foote to be had this Sumer within yor County: I heerewith send you a true Coppy of y^ir^ Lo^pps^ letter, wherin you may see the necessary and waighty consideration of hauinge this seruice at this time well and duly pformed. Wherfore I earnestly pray and require you to vse yor best diligence therin; You may therby likewise vnderstand the particular points and things wch his Matie and their Lo^pps^ haue comanded and doe expect should be put in execution: of which I desire you to haue a serious care: you may alsoe see the strict comand and charge for ye returninge of your certificate wherin I earnestly press you not to fayle, y^t^ there may be noe default found in your true endeauours, whatsoeu^r^ should happen in effect. I can add nothinge to their Lo^ps^ directions, but to call vpon

you to obserue the same, and to afford your best cares therin. Soe I rest Yo^{r} very louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell house,
9th of June, 1628.

Page 105. July 22, 1628.

To our Louinge frend Roger Pratt esq. Capt. of ye troope of horse for ye Hund. of Clackclose.

After our verye hartye Comendations,

Whereas we haue latelye receyued letters from ye Lo: Leiut. of this County, together with a transcript of one other from ye Lords of his Maties most hono^{ble} priuye Counsell directed vnto his Lo^{pp}, signifyinge although ye present state of Christendome (as things now stand) is motiue ynough to all men in all places to be prepared and to haue all things in a readines for defence, yett because these times require more then ordinarye care, they recomend for ye present, wth more then accustomed earnestnes, ye present musteringe and trayninge of the horse and foote Companies of this Countye: Of the defects wherof albeit his Matie hath ben soe informed, as it was lately in his purpose to haue taken ye vieu of ye troopes of horse, by some of espetiall trust by himselfe to haue ben deputed, at the towne of Lecester, to ye end there they might haue appeared strong and compleate, yett hath he (out of a gratious consideration of ye great charge y^{t} the trauaile thether would haue ben to ye Countye) ben pleased to dispence wth the same, wch in our iudgm^{ts} wilbe vnto all men of honest dispositions and loyall harts a stronge and more forcible perswatiō not to be omissiue or neglectiue of the seruice imposed vpon them, then eyther inforcem^{t} by Law or threats of punishm^{t}: We haue therfore by these in accomplishm^{t} of our owne duties in y^{t} behalf, thought good to require you, that you fayle not presentlye with all speed, care, and diligence you can, to veiue and put in readines the horse troops within your Hundred, and to see them soe compleatelye Armed, furnished and trayned, as you fayle not soe to present them before vs or

some of vs vpon ye 12th of August next beinge tuesday by eight of ye clock in the morneinge at Tottnall Heath, w^thout any iust defect to be found in any of them. And y^t all your officers And souldiers, be not onlye able and suffitient men, but well affected in Religion: and soe requiringe you further not to fayle in and vpon the 20th day of August at ye signe of ye King's Armes in Norw^ch to deliu^r vnto vs or some of vs a perfect roll or Certificate of ye number of ye horse troope w^thin yor Hundred, as alsoe of the particular defaults in ye men, Armes and Munition appointed for your Hundred concerninge ye horse troopes, to the end we may accomplish what is comanded vs in makinge a Certificate of the same, accordinge to ye tenor of their Lo^ps letters. We rest Yo^r very louinge ffrends, Tho: Woodhouse, Char^s Cornwallis, Wil: de Gray^t Jo: Hare.

Norw^ch,
this 22 of July. 1628.

A list of ye trayned forces both horse and foot of ye Countye of Norff. wth ye times and places of their seu^rall Musters, 1628.

Munday, ye 4th of Aug: 1628.	Yarmouth Towne	Capt:	Buttolph	200	400	Veiued by S^r Ch: Cornew^s
			Meddowes	200		
Tuesday, ye 5^t of Aug: 1628.	Sr Miles Hobert, kn^t		Blofeild	90	350	at Lingwode Heath by Sr Charls Cornewallis
	Sr Tho: Jenkensō, kn^t		Eastfleg	80		
	Francis Mapes, esq.		Westfleg	90		
	Rich: Jenkenson, esq.		So: Walsham	90		
Roger Castle, esq. Capt. of a troope of horse . . . . 40.						
Weddensday, ye 6^t of Aug: 1628.	Sr Robert Gaudy, kn^t		Lodden	160	580	at Beddinghā Holmes by Sr Antho: Drurye
	Anth: Hobert, esq.		Clau'ing	160		
	Owen Shepherd, esq.		Henstead	130		
	Barthol: Cotton, esq.		Ersham	130		
Thursday, ye 7th of Aug: 1628.	Tho: Pettus, esq.		Tau'ham	64	364	At Ashminhā heath by Sr Charls Cornewallis
	Jams Scambler, esq.		Happing	130		
	Tho: Parker, esq.		Tunstead	170		
Tho: Rugg, esq. Capt. of a troope of horse . . . . 45.						

Friday, ye 8t of August, 1628.	Sr Tho: Richarson, knt &c.	No: Erpinghã	150	620	At Heydon Olland by Sr John Hobert
	John Richers, esq. . .	So: Erpinghã	200		
	Tho: Browne, esq. . .	Einsford	150		
	John Potts, esq. . .	Holt .	120		
	Tho: Sayer, esq. Capt. of a troope of horse				50.
Saturday, ye 9th of Aug: 1628.	Sr Will: Yelu'tõ, barrt .	Landish .	150	510	at Hempton greene by Sr Roger Townsend
	Nich: le strainge, esq. .	Smethdon .	120		
	Robert Bacon, esq. .	Galloe and Brothercross	120		
	James Calthorp, esq. .	No: Greenhoe	120		
	Will: Wallpoole, esq. Capt. of a troop of horse . .				40.
Munday, ye 11th of Aug: 1628.	King's Linn Towne Capt.	March .	100	200	by Sr John Hare
		Riuett .	100		
Tuesday, ye 12 of August, 1628.	Sr Robert Bell, knt .	Freb: Mershland . .	130	440	At Tottnall Heath by Sr John Hare
	Rich: Houell, esq. . .	Freeb: Linn .	130		
	Edm: Shipwth, esq. .	Clackclose .	180		
	Roger Pratt, esq. Capt. of a troope of horse				40.
Fryday, ye 15th of August, 1628.	Sr Will: de Gray, knt .	Wayland and Grims: .	200	350	at Watton by Sr Will: de Grey
	Edm: Moundeforde, esq.	So: Greenhoe	150		
	John Webb, esq. Capt. of a troope of horse				40.
Wedensday, ye 20th of Aug: 1628.	Sr Tho. Woodhouse, knt and bar:	Forehoe .	180	420	at keepe Comõon by Sr Tho: Woodhouse
	Sr Tho: Southwell, knt .	Mittford .	160		
	Will: Heuenyngham, esq.	Humbleyard.	80		
	Will: Bladwell, esq. Capt. of a troope of horse . .				40.
Thursday, ye 21th of Aug: 1628.	Framlingham Gaudy, esq.	Shrop: and Giltcross .	180	510	at New Bucknã Comon by Sr Will: de Gray
	Tho: Kniuett, esq. . .	Deepewade .	200		
	John Holland, esq. .	Diss . .	130		
	Tho: Warde, esq. Capt. of a troope of horse				40.

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A perfect president for a Rate made for 106li 10s within all ye Hundreds of Norff, wch may direct in any greater or lesser Sum.

	li	s.	d.		li	s.	d.
Eastflegg . .	1	10	0	South Greenhoe .	4	0	0
Westflegg . .	2	0	0	Grimshaw . .	3	0	0
Happinge . .	3	0	0	Wayland . .	3	0	0
Tunstead . .	4	0	0	Shropham . .	3	10	0
Blowfeild . .	3	0	0	Giltcross . .	1	15	0
Walsham . .	3	0	0	Freeb: Mershland	4	0	0
Lodden . .	3	0	0	Freeb: Citra Linn	4	0	0
Clau?inge . .	3	0	0	Clackclose . .	5	0	0
Tau?ham . .	2	0	0	Diss . . .	3	0	0
Landish . .	2	0	0	Deepwade . .	4	10	0
Smethdon . .	3	0	0	Ersham . .	3	10	0
Gallow . .	3	0	0	Henstead . .	2	0	0
Brothercross .	1	15	0	Mettford . .	4	0	0
South Erpinghā .	4	10	0	Forehooe . .	4	10	0
North Erpinghā .	4	0	0	Humbleyard .	2	0	0
North Greenhoe .	3	0	0				
Eynsford . .	4	0	0	Sumā totā	106	10	0
Holt . . .	3	0	0				

This rate was confirmed by ye Judges of Assise holden at Norwch the 21th of July, 1628, and subscribed by all ye Justices of Peace there present, and to continue vntill further consideration were taken thereof at a generall meetinge.

		li	s.	d.
Norff.	Taske . .	2627	0	0
	Subsedy . .	1917	0	0

		li	s.	d.			li	s.	d.
Norwch	Taske .	89	5	4	Yarmouth	Taske	94	0	0
	Subsedy	399	17	0		Subsedy			
Linn	Taske .	32	6	8	Thetford	Taske	15	17	0
	Subsedye	94	8	8		Subsedy	7	6	0

	li	s.	d.
The whole Taske .	2868	9	4
The whole Subsedye .	2512	11	8

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A perfect perticular of a moneths charge of 500 Irish Souldiers of the Regiment of Sr Peirce Crosbye sent into this Countye by his Maties express comandemt to ye Lo. of his Maties most Hoble priuye Co. vnder ye conduct of Capt John Butler leiut Collonell, the 3d of March, 1627, to be billited in ye sayd Countye by ye Deputye Leiut. heere at iijs vjd a weeke for eu9ye Souldier, for soe longe as it pleaseth his Matie there to continue them.

Which sayd 500 Souldiers were by the Deputy Leiutenants thus billited.

			li	s.	d.
Norwch	200	Norwch	35	0	0
Yarmouth	100	Linn	14	0	0
Linn	100	Yarmouth	10	10	0
Harlestō and Rednall	100	Thettford	3	10	0
		Suma	63	0	0

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This Rate was thus made for the charge of ye sayd Souldiers, but it differeth from ye tru proportion as much as is in ye Margent.

	li	s.	d.	li	s.	
Eastflegg	4	10	0	0	6	less
Westflegg	6	15	0	0	15	more
Happinge	6	15	0	2	5	less
Tunstead	13	10	0	1	10	more
Blowfeild	6	15	0	2	5	less
Walsham	6	15	0	2	5	less
Lodden	9	0	0	—		euen
Claueringe	9	0	0	—		euen
Tauerham	4	10	0	1	10	less
Hensteade	4	10	0	0	6	less
Ersham	9	0	0	1	10	less
Diss	9	0	0	—		euen
Shropham	9	0	0	1	10	less
Guildcross	4	10	0	0	15	less
Deepewade	13	10	0	—		euen
Forehoe	18	0	0	4	10	more
Humbleyard	4	10	0	0	6	less
Grimshawe	6	15	0	2	15	less
Waylande	6	15	0	2	15	less

	li	s.	d.	li	s.	
So: Greenhoe	15	15	0	3	15	more
Clackclose	18	0	0	3	0	more
Free: Marshland	18	0	0	6	0	more
Free: Lynn	18	0	0	6	0	more
Smethdon	6	15	0	2	5	less
Gallow	6	15	0	2	5	less
Brothercross	4	10	0	0	15	less
No: Greenehoe	6	15	0	2	5	less
Landish	15	15	0	3	15	more
No: Erpingham	11	5	0	0	15	less
So: Erpingham	13	10	0	—		euen
Eynsford	13	10	0	1	10	more
Metford	13	10	0	1	10	more
Holt	6	15	0	2	5	more
Sum̄ of these 33 Hunds	321	15	0			

	li	s.	d.
Fiue hundred persons allowed vj^{d} a day is	12	10	0
For 7 dayes beinge one weeke	87	10	0
For one whole moneth is	350	0	0

108. 30, **To our verye good frends ye Comissions of ye Subsidies in ye Countye of Norff. and to euerye of them.**

After our very harty Comendations,

Whereas in contemplation of his Maties great and weighty occasions both at home and abroade, and in a thankfull acknowledgm^{t} of his Maties great goodnes many wayes expressed in his iust and tender care of the welfare of his people; his louinge Subiects assembled in ye late Session of Parlim^{t}, did humbly present him with a free and cheerfull guift of fiue entire Subsedies to be payd within one yeare; wch guift beinge conceaued and intended by y Parlim^{t} to be a great supply, least now that should by ill handlinge and remissnes of those who are trusted with Assessinge and leuyinge of the same become rather great in name then in truth and more in sounde then in substance, wch happened in former Subsedies of late yeares, beinge found farr less in proportion, then in the times of ye late Queene Elizabeth of blessed memorye, tendinge to the great disseruice of his Matie, and frustratinge of the cleere intentions and affections of the Parliam^{t} in the sayd supplye: Wee therfore (in remedye therof, and well knowinge y^{t} besides the particular instructions and directions expressed in the act it self tendinge to the aduancement of the leauye and Collection of the sayd Subsedies, there
ge 109. wilbe much left in the furtheringe of this worke to your discretion, wherin your care and endeauour may not a litle aduance his Maties seruice,) haue thought good on that behalfe, to recomend vnto you some particulars contayned in the Schedule inclosed, wherof you are to haue all due regard in the course of your proceedings. All wch instructions as they are directed vnto you by his Maties express comand, soe you

are to know y^t^ his Matie will expect a dutifull and effectuall account therof from time to time. And soe we bidd you verye hartelye ffarewell. From White Hall the last of June, 1628.—Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentry C.S., Malburge, Manchester, Geo: Buckingham, Pembrooke, Montgomery, Theo: Suff., Ed: Dorsett, Morton, Kelley, D. Carleton, Conway, Rich: Weston.

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Orders directed to ye Comissions of ye Subsedye.

1. That in the first place the Comissions amongest themselues sett such fittinge values vpon themselues that may be example to others.

2. That Justices of the peace and others as by Law ought not to be vnder 20^li^ land at the least and more if ther be cause.

3. That the Comissions doe not accept the presentments as euye towne will giue it vp, but to enquire both of the number and value of euye freeholder, and men of abilitye in euerye towne.

4. That where Lo^pps^ are deuided amongst diuers freeholders or where many freeholders are in one towne, care be there had not to follow the custome of makinge them equally at iij^li^ a man in goods or 20^s^ in Lands, but to rate each man after ye proportion of his estate.

5. That the Constables and assessors of euery towne present each freeholder and person of abilitye by name, and not as they use to doe to present one or more of the poorer sort to beare the name, and others of better abilitye to be bearers with him, and themselues not to be assessed, and by this meanes a third part of the freeholders of the Countye, are neyther presented nor assessed.

6. That for your direction you examine the Sheriffs booke of freeholders, the better to informe you whether the Constables and Assessors doe omitt any fitt to be assessed: and further you examine those or any other concealements by such effectuall meanes as are prescribed by the Act of Parliament.

7. That they fill not vp their books with names of men

that pay not in the places where they are sett, but to make good the Subsedye by such men as by act are chargeable in ye place where they dwell.

110. 8. That in the Assessment to be layd vpon yor selues as Comissioners you meete altogether at some conuenient place, and ther agreinge vpon the same to send vnto vs a Schedule of yor seu^ral taxations subscribed with your hands.

9. That the seruice be done with conuenient expedition, but without participation or hast to the preiudice therof, and y^t such care be vsed as may best sort to ye effectinge of what is intended by the guift.

That it may appeare how much it is fallen from that it was, we haue sent you the Roll of the Subsedye in Anno 5to Eliz: expectinge to haue the same made good at this time or better, which Roll after ye seruice ended, you are to see safelye returned hether.—Tho: Couentry C.S., Malburge, Manchester, Geo: Buckingham, Penbrooke, Montgomerye, Theo: Suff, Morton, Kellye, Conway, D. Carleton, Rich: Weston.

110. 23, **A warrant to the Assessors of the Subsedye in the Countye of Norff from ye Comissioners of ye Subsedye in ye sayd Countye.**

Wheras we haue receyued his Maties Comission to vs and others directed for the Taxation of the two first intire subsedies granted to his Highnes by Act of Parliment holden at Westminster in ye forth yeare of his Maties Raigne. These are therfore in his Maties name to require and charge you and euerye of you vnderwritten to make yor personall appearance before vs at King's Lynn at W. Goodwin's his howse on Tuesday next beinge the 29 of this instant Julye by eight of the clock in the forenoone, then and there to doe that which on his Maties behalfe shalbe enioyned you touchinge his Maties seruice. Send this warrant forthwith from one to another as all may haue notice in due time, for the better

furtherance of this seruice. Wherin we require you not to fayle as you will avoyde the penalties therin.—Yo^r verye louinge ffrends, John Hare, Thomas Athowe.

Norw^ch,
this 23th of Julye, 1628.

Clackclose.

Rich: Bachcroft, esq.
Fran: Piggott, esq.
Roger Pratt, esq.
Gregory Gawsell, esq.
Tho: Drurye, gent.
Peter Pretiman, gent.
The two Cheife Constables

Freebr: Citr: Linn.

Jeffery Cobb, esq.
John Pell, gent.
Will: Houell, gent.
Francis Bendish
Rich: Bendish
Geo: Cremer
The two Cheife Constables

Freeb: Marshland.

Robert Butler, esq.
Tho: Hunston, gent.
Tho: Smith, gent.
Rob: Say sen, gent.
William Bird, gent.
The two Cheife Constables

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The deuisions of the Comissioners for the Subsedies in their seuerall limitts.

Norff.

East Flegg	The Lo: Bishopp.
West Flegg	Sr Charles Cornewallis, kn^t.
Happinge	Sr Rich: Barnye, Kn^t and Barronett.
Tunstead	Francis Mapes, esq.
Blowfeild	Sr Robert Gawdye, kn^t.
Walsham	Antonye Hobert, esq.
Lodden	Charles Sucklin, esq.
Claueringe	
Tauerham	
Landitsh	Sr John Hobert, Kn^t and Barronett.
Smethdon	Sr Roger Townsēd, Barronett.
Gallow	Sr Charles Cornewallis, kn^t.
Brothercross	Sr Hamond le strainge, kn^t.

So: Erpingham	Rice Gwin, Serieāt at Law.
No: Erpingnam	John Spelman, esq.
No: Greenhoe	John Jermy, esq.
Eynsford	Sr Augustine Palgraue, kn^{t}.
Holt	
So: Greenhoe	Framlingham Gaudy, esq. High Sheriff.
Grimshaw	Sr Drue Drewrye, Barronett.
Wayland	Sr Henry Spelman, kn^{t}.
Shropham	Sr Robert Bell, kn^{t}.
Giltcross	Sr Will: de Gray, kn^{t}.
Freebr: Marshland	Tho: Atthow, Serieant at Law.
Freeb: Linn	Sr John Hare, kn^{t}.
Clackclose	John Holland, esq.
Diss	Sr Tho: Woodhowse, Kn^{t} and Barronett.
Ersham	Sr John Heuenyngham, kn^{t}.
Deepewade	Sr Thomas Southwell, kn^{t}.
Hensteade	Owen Sheepard, esq.
Mittforde	
Forehoe	
Humbleyarde	

112. 18, This extract indented made by Sr Robert Bell kn^{t}, Sr John Hare kn^{t}, and Tho: Atthowe Serieant at Law, Comissions amongst others for the taxinge, leauyinge and collectinge of the payment of the first and second Subsedies granted vnto his Highnes at the Parliment begunn at Westminster ye 17th of March in the 3^{d} yeare of his Maties raigne, Wittnesseth that we the sayd Comissioners haue nominated and elected Tho: Smith gent. High Collector of the seuerall sums of monye heere underwritten, being rated and taxed vpon his Highnes Subiects inhabitinge and dwellinge within the Hundreds of Freebr: Cit: Linn, Freebr: Mershland and Clackclose of and in the sayd countye: and to make tru payment thereof into the receypt of his Maties Exchequer accordinge to the tenor and effect of the Act made for the sayd Subsedies; In Wittness wherof we the sayd Comissions (as well to the one part

of this extract deliuered to ye sayd Collector, as alsoe to the other part deliuered into the Court of Exchequer with the Bonde of the Collector made by force of the sayd Act) haue sett our hands and Seales this 18 of August, 1628.—Robert Bell, John Hare, Tho: Atthowe.

	li	s.	d.
Clackclose . . .	197	9	4
Fre: Cit Linn . .	68	5	4
Fre: Mershland . .	137	8	0
	503	2	8

Nou^r^rint vniu^r^si per ꝑsentes me Tho: Smith de walsoken in Com̃ Norff gen̄ teneri et firmiter obligari Serenissimo Dño nr̃o Carolo dei gratia Ang: Scot: Fran: and Hib: regis fidei defensoris &c. in 1000 and 6^li^ bone et legalis monete Angl: soluendum eid̄ Dño Regis hered̄ vel successoribus suis, ad quē quidem solutionē bene et fideliter faciendum obligo me executores et administratores meos firmiter per presentes, sigillo meo Sigillato dat decimo octauo die Augusti Anno Regni Dño nr̃i Caroli Dei Gratia Ang: Scot: Fran: et Hiber: Regis fidei defensor &c. Quarto. Anno Dōi 1628.

The condition &c. that wheras the within bounden Tho: Smith is appointed High Collector for the gatheringe the first and second subsedies of ye fiue Subsidies granted vnto his Highnes at the Parlim^t^ begun at Westminster the 17 day of March in the 3 yeare of his Maties raigne payable within ye Hundreds of Fre: Cit: Linn, Free: Mershland and Clackclose. If the sayd Tho: Smith, his Heyers, executors, administrators or assignes shall well and trulye content and pay to the vse of the King's Matie his heyers and Successors into the receyt of ye Exchequer, the Sum̃s of monye allotted and appointed to his Collection accordinge to the Tenour of ye sayd Act in that case made and prouided.

13. **A letter to the Lo: of the Counsell, from the Comissioners of the Subsedye in the Countye of Norff.**

May it please yor Lo^pps,

We haue latelye receyued a letter from yor Lo^pps of this psent moneth wherby you are pleased to comand our diligence in hasteninge ye Collection, and sendinge ye Subsidies now due within this Countye, which we haue and wilbe by God's grace by all possible meanes we can endeauour to performe; but vpon this occasion doe hold it our duties to giue vnto your Lo^pps an imediate vnderstandinge in what state for ye present we find that seruice.

The Act it self of the grant vnto his Matie prescribeth in ye valuatiō of euery mans substance an vsuall mann, wch is genally vnderstood an intention that there should be noe extraordinarye or vnaccustomed enhansinge.

That gent and most part of those of the best and ablest estates giue for a reason of Abatem^t, rather then improuem^t. That they liue at the armes end of their fortunes, And that (besides what hath in these late times for Aydes, for Subsedies, for Beneuolences and Loanes, and other Contributions passed from them) they find all their owne charges increased, and their reuenues and other comodities made incertayne and much abated: Men of traffique and trade that by great losses vpon the Seas in the longe continued depredations by ye Dunkerke, and of late by ye French, some of them are in a man vtterly vndone, manye in their estates greatly decayed, and all in generall by meanes of want of Traffique, trade, and vent of their Comodeties are exceedinglye impouerished.

The ffarmors and such as vse Husbandrye and tilth (from whome in times past was accustomed to be drawen the greatest part of ye monye leuiable by way of Subsedye) present vnto vs their pittiful estates, growen into decay through the base price, and noe vent in these late yeares for their corne, through ye extraordinarye charge and ill performance of fayth and dutye in their seruants, and this present most vnseasonable yeare

wherin (besides their corne generally vnthriuen,) they are like to haue a late and chargeable Haruest.

That some of them doe owe vnto their Landlords two yeares Rent, many of them one yeares, and very few or none but are in some arrerages with them, and that these present Subsedies come soe vntimelye vnto them before Haruest (wherin of necessitye they must vse more mony then they are prouided of) as manye of them protest that they know not how for ye instant to rayse what is due vnto his Matie, And to deale playnely wth yor Lo^pps^, with whom it becometh vs not to fayle, espetially in a seruice that soe much imports our Soueraigne, their instant streight is soe much the more, for y^t^ in times past ther were in this Countye monied men, y^t^ were professed lenders, now
Page 114. none at all or verye rare y^t^ wilbe knowne to be such that haue any monye: such beinge growen the generall diffidence in all men, such the feares of warres abroade, and doubt what may ensue vpon soe generall discontents at home, as hardlye cann poore men for the present borrow with any euen conditions to serue their necessities; All which considered we much feare that the High Collectors shall not gather in the monye soe speedelye as they would or we desire.

The seuerall names of them we haue returned into his Maties Exchequer together with the Subsedye Rolls, contayninge the Taxations of o^r^ seuall limitts, wherin we humbly beseech your Lo^pps^, that our thoughts knowen to God, and the former demonstrations of the readines both of our selues and the Countrye in all things by his Matie required of vs, may in his Royall opinion, and in that of your Lo^pps^ be freed from any conceyt of want of will in any seruice within our powers who are readye to shew our humble and dutifull affections vnto his Matie, and our desires to giue vnto your Lo^pps^ all the satisfaction we can: and soe doe humblye take our leaues, restinge John Hobert, Roger Townsend, Will: de Gray, Anthony Hobert, Tho: Woodhouse, Charles Cornewallis, John Hare, Owen Sheepherd, John Potts.

Norw^ch^,
the 20th of August, 1628.

114. 10. **A letter from the Dep: Leiutts in ye Countye of Norff. to the Lord of Arundell.**

May it please yor Lopp,

We haue in accomplishmt of what by yor letter of ye 11th of June last was comanded vnto vs, taken a vieu of all the horse and foote Companies wthin this Countye, and sent heerwth a genall certificate of the same, but to be vnderstood as in former times they haue ben, and as by our continued orders and trauaile we haue endeauored that they should not be as we finde them at this present time, as by our postscript vnder ye same your Lopp shall more clearely and more particularlye vnderstand.

We haue therfore held it necessary and agreeinge with our duties to his Matie and ye respect we owe to yor Lopp by whom we are put in trust, to make knowen vnto you yt as things now stand we haue not soe much as any hope of reducinge this seruice to any better termes. The generall want of care which we formerly noted in the most part of men, we finde at this present strainglye increased, by reason of soe vniusall notice taken, that noe Lawes for seruice eyther with Horse or foote are at this time in force, and yt nothinge of what nature soeu eyther compulsiue or inuoluntary is to be offered to the Subiect without warrant of Law. As alsoe by a late action of a man graue in yeares learned in the Lawes and by his callinge a Serieant, who at a Publiq Sessions holden at King's Linn, shewed himself soe very audatious and irrespectiue of what soe much concernes his Maties Honor and seruice, the present good and quiett of the Country, and ye reputation of vs
115. who serue in ye Dep: Leiut. of the same, as he there not onlye called into question the leauye of monye which we were necessited to make for the instant paymt and conduct for the Irish Souldiers heere billited, at such time as his Matie was gratiously pleased to deliu ye Country of them, and he moued the other Justices his Associates to ioyne with him in sendinge vp our warrants to ye Parlimt, but did also in a contemptuous mann openly put into his pockett one of ye warrants directed to the Cheife Const. for

y^t purpose, sayinge, that he would answere the same, and y^t much more mony had already ben leauied then was needfvll for the seruice, or words to like effect. These soe refractorye persons haue giuen soe great discouragem^ts to ye Comandem^ts of his Matie and of ye Lo^s of his Maties most Ho^ble priuye Counsell (vnder which, both in ye times of our Soueraigne y^t now is, and of the Kinge his ffather, as also in those of ye late Queene deceased some of vs and such as preceeded vs in like places of seruice prouided wth much securitye) and haue bredd soe great a disauthorism^t to our selues and to all ye Captaynes that serue his Matie in this Country, by yor Lo^pps or our appointment soe much neglect and disregard, as diu^ers of them haue already left their places, and most of the rest are importunate to doe ye like, in wch to procure their stay, or others of suffitiencye to enter into the same by our authorities or perswations, we assure yor Lo^pp we hold it exceedinge difficult if not impossible. As for our owne particulars such are our duties, and most humble and faythfull affections to his Matie and his seruice, although our continuall cares charges and trobles be verye greate, yett we presume not soe farr as to be our owne caruers, and to leaue the same without his Maties gratious assent and yor Lordshipps thervnto obtayned; but doe onlye aduenture by yor Lo^pp in all dutifull mann^er to beseech him, (y^t except other course be taken for drawinge of more obedience to his Royall Comandem^ts, and for our owne reputations in that Publiq disgrace y^t hath ben putt vpon vs by Serieant Atthowe), y^t wee may be discharged of the places we hold, as those wherin in the meane time we continue to our owne infinite discontentments, in regarde that we finde neyther meanes nor hope to performe for his Maties seruice, eyther what doth agree with his Honor, the safetye and good of this Countye, or with our owne poore creditts, which we more value, then what else in this world we possess or looke for.

The rest of the points touched in the late letter of the Lords of the Counsell vnto your Lo^pp, and by you recomended vnto vs, we will by God's grace to ye vttmost of our powers endeauour to performe; And end with an humble desire vnto

your Lo^pp^, that you wilbe pleased to make thus much knowen to his Matie and to the Lo: of his Maties most Hono^ble^ priuye Counsell, and that as soone as with conueniencye it may be we may in the particularities therof vnderstande his Maties pleasure: Whervnto with all humilitye and dutye we submitt our selues. And soe recomendinge our faythfull seruice vnto your Lordshipp we rest Att yor Lordshipps Comandem^t^, John Hobert, Rog: Townsed, Will: de Gray, Tho: Woodhouse, Char: Cornewallis, John Hare.

Norw^ch^,
this 20th of August, 1628.

116. 21, Carolus Rex.—Right trustye and right welbeloued Cosen, we greete you well.

The abuses and neglects in the Trayned bands of the genall Counties are by conniuance and want of due care growne soe customarye as ye directions of the state for reformation are comonlye receyued as matters of forme onlye, and soe sleightly executed as the wished and necessary effects are not at all produced: but seinge soe essentiall a part of ye strengh and saftye of ye kingdome consists in those bands, and in hauing them well chosen, well armed, and well disciplined, and y^t^ neyther ye serious recomendation from us, nor ye eminent daynger of these times can serue for suffitient admonitions, we are resolued to take a strict account our selues of the performance of each mans dutye in y^t^ soe important seruice, which we haue thought meete thus expresslye to intimate, y^t^ any future defaults may be ye less excusable, and our censure and seuere punishinge of them ye more Justefied and not to be repined at.

Our will and pleasure therfore is that you cause a generall muster to be taken at some conuenient time for the Country this Sumer of all the trayned bands horse and foote vnder yor Leiutenancye, and y^t^ now at the last all defects be reallye supplyed: wherin you may not conceyue that we impose any impossibilitye or any great matter of difficultye vpon you or

your Dep: Leiut^{t} since that wch is required from you, is, that you make an equall, impartiall and indifferent charge accordinge to the value of each mans Lands and meanes within your Leiutenancye, whether the owner be resident or not for findinge horse or foote, that then you see the horse and Armes soe charged and suffitient men to ride ye horses and weare and vse the armes be accordinglye furnished, and when you finde any refractory, that you certefie his name and default to our priuye counsell without conniuance or partialitye; wher if course be not taken to bringe him to conformitye and the discharge of his dutye, the fault shall lye vpon vs, and you and your Deputies shalbe blameless. To giue you any particular directions how to proceede in this seruice were needless, the best that can be conceyued hauinge ben sent and often reiterated vnto you, only we putt you in minde of one thinge, touchinge the choyse of the persons of the men, which is neyther new or of ordinarye consequence, That those that are to be enrolled in the trayned lists, be of the gentrye, freeholders, good farmers, or their Sonnes y^{t} are like to be resident in the Countrye and readye to serue with the Armes they beare and are trayned at the Musters, and that the meaner sorte of the people and seruants, whose residence cannot be expected to be constant, be avoyded as much as may be at least where anye seruante is enrolled it shall not be in his Masters power to change or putt him away without the licence of you or some of your Deputy Leiut. because by such changes the benefitt of trayneinge and teachinge the vse of Armes is vtterlye lost. When you haue taken this muster and performed these our directions, you are to returne to vs or to our priuye Counsell a perfect certificate of the trew state of all ye trayned Bands within your
Page 117. Leiutenancye, not as hath ben too vsuall only by Transcribinge a Coppye of a former Certificate, without obseruinge the present defects or reparations, but such as you will answere vpon your fayth and dutye to vs, shall giue vs a perfect representation of the true state of those forces in all respects: The resolution which wee haue heerebye intimated vnto you not to be any longer satisfied wth formalities, but require reallitye and effects,

you will finde strictlye continued in the Account we will take of the Seruice, and therfore we expect a full performance on your part, as you tender o^r pleasure or the publique safetye. Giuen vnder our Signett at our Castle of Winsore, the 21 of September, in the 4th yeare of our Raigne, 1628.

117. 30,

A letter from the Lo: of Arrundell to his Deputy Leiut. in the Countye of Norff.

After my verye harty Comendations vnto you I haue latelye receyued from his Matie other letters for a new veiu and muster to be had this Sumer of all the trayned bands both horse and foot within the Countye of Norff. The serious inducements which haue moued his Matie to comande the same, his resolued care of this seruice and his strict expectation of a true and exact Account therof, will largely appeare vnto you by this true Coppye of his Maties sayd letter which therfore I sende vnto you, that you may perfectlye vnderstande his Maties pleasure, and thereby exactlye direct your selues in the due performance of euerye particular thereof; you may therby playnelye see, that a stricter Account wilbe heereafter taken of this seruice, which cannot but helpe much vnto your ease; for those defaulters which you shall certefie shalbe seuerelye proceeded withall for their contempts or negligences, a point which your selues haue much insisted vpon. I doe therfore heereby require and charge you more strictlye then euer heeretofore to sett your best cares to the execution of theise businesses, the due performance of all which, his Matie hath soe seriouslye Comanded, and accordinge to the Accounts which I shall speedelye receyue from you, both his Matie and the Counsell Board shalbe fullye informed of your true endeauours and performances heerin, wherof I noe wayes doubtinge doe rest Yo^r verye louinge ffrend, Arrundell and Surrey.

Arrundell house,
this 30 of October, 1628.

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A Warrant for the seuall Captaynes in the Countye of Norff.

After our verye hartye Comendations,

Wheras we have latelye receyued letters from our Lo: Leiut[t] of this Countye together with a transscript of one other from his Ma[tie] directed vnto his Lo[pp] signifyinge the abuses and neglects in the trained bands of the seuall Counties, which are by conniuancye and want of due care growen soe customarye as the directions of the state for reformation are receyued for matters of forme only, and soe slightly executed, as the wished and necessarye effects are not at all produced, intimatinge vnto vs that we cannot but know, that the essentiall strengh and safetye of the kingdome consists of the trayned Bands of the seuall Counties therin, in hauinge them well chosen, well armed, and well disciplyned, y[e] eminent and iminent daynger of these times beinge powerfull motiues to encite and stirr vs vp to an extraordinarye care therin. But in regard his Ma[tie] hath found, that such Comands and directions haue ben heeretofore neglected, he is now resolued to take a strict Account of euy mans dutye in soe important a seruice, and seuerelye to punish the contemnors of his High Comands. And therfore hath comanded a geuall Muster to be taken of all the trayned Bands of Horse and foote w[ch] are comanded as well of those that are enrolled, as of such as are to be enrolled, that they be of the Gentry, ffreeholders, and good farmors or their Sonns, that are like to be resident in the Countye, and that the meaner sorte of people and seruants be avoyded, and wher necessitye compells that y[e] trayned bands cannot be supplyed but of such, it is comanded that noe Master shall putt away such seruants soe enrolled, without the consent of the Lo: Leiut[t] or some of his Dep: Leiut[ts] for that the benifitt of such traininge or teachinge is thereby vtterlye lost. And further that you impartiallye and indifferently charge the lands and meanes of any person whether he be resident or not, for the better effectinge of this

soe important seruice. Wee haue thought good to giue you such fittinge time to exercise yor Companies and compleate your bands, y^t the defaulters may haue noe excuse therin. And therfore haue appointed Weddensday the 10th of Decr for the gen̄all veiu, at which time we require you not to fayle to p̄sent them before vs or some of vs at Totten Hill: and the Wedensday in twelfe Sessions weeke at Norw^ch for the returne of your Rolls, wherin we must desire you to make true certificate vnto vs of ye seu̅all defaulters in eu̅ye one of your Companies, and not as you vse to doe onlye of some particular person, for that we are now Com̄anded to present a true state of the forces of this Countye to his Matie or to his priuye Counsell of ye same, and soe not doubtinge of your care heerin, we rest Yo^r verye louinge ffrends.

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The Account of Owen Sheepard, Esq̄ concerninge his Maties diett, 1628.

	li	s.	d.
Inp̄ ye rem̄ of my last yeares Account . . .	30	0	0
Rec: of ye County as by seu̅all rates appears . .	757	0	0
Rec: ye King's price of 200 qters of Wheat . .	66	13	4
Rec: ye King's price for 200 Weathers . . .	66	13	4
Rec: ye King's price for 150 Lambs . . .	7	10	0
Rec: ye King's price for 10 Oxen	40	0	0
Rec: ye King's price for 30 Stirks	15	0	0
Rec: ye King's price for 1200 waygbt of wax . .	20	0	0
Rec: ye King's price for 10 duz: of Capons ij^li, and for 80 duz: of Henns 8^li, and for 80 duz: of Pulletts vj^li, and for 50 duz: of Chickens ij^li 10^s	18	10	0
Sum^a is .	1021	6	8

	li	s.	d.
Payd for 200 qters of Wheate	300	0	0
Payd for 200 Weathers at 18s	180	0	0
Payd for 150 Lambs at 8s	60	0	0
Payd for 10 Oxen at 9li	90	0	0
Payd for 30 Stirks at ijli 13s 4d	80	0	0
Payd for ye Capons, Henns, Pulletts, and chickens .	148	10	0
Payd to Mr Pert ye King's Puruayor for ye wheat, accordinge to ye Custome	6	13	4
Allowed me for my expences and paynes 40li, and allowed to my Clarke 5li	45	0	0
Summa is . . .	980	3	4
wch taken out of	1021	6	8
there remayneth	41	3	4

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1628.

Ordinatio pro vigill' obseru' in Com' Norff. a Lynn vsq; Yarmouth.[4]

Hac igiter Authoritate mandr Nos Robertus de monte alto, et Jho: de Bardolf mandamus Vic: Com' Norff quod veniere fac: corā nobis apud Norwic: die mercurij in festo decollot Sti Johis Baptisti proxī futur' omnes mītes, omnes capit Constabū Hundred' & Constā villar' & duos homines de discretoribus cuiuslibett ville vbi portus, vel applilat nauiū in balliua sua tam infra libertates quā extra in Com' predicto, ad consulend' formand' & auxiliand' qualiter & quo modo Custodia maris securius pro saluatione partiū illarū fieri possit et ad faciend' quod exē Dñi Regis sup pmiss: iniungit: ad que diē nos dicti Robertus & Thomas psonalit accessimus ad ibidem, et mītes Capit Constā Hundred', Constā villar' cum omnibus hominibus villarū vbi appicatio nauiū existit de port

[4] This is a bad transcript of an old document. A similar document relating to the same translation is in my Norris MSS., vol. ix., "copied from an old parchment roll belonging to Thornham Gurdon of Litton, Esq., by Mr. John Kirkpatrick," which is dated 19 Ed. I., 1291.

Yarmouth coram nobis ibidē compernere et asseritur quod valde necesse esset pro saluatione totius patria: quod vigil fient in locis piculosis sicut antig̃ more solebant iuxta mare, et quod omnes de corpōr val de Com' Norff contribuant ad ill faciend' p' q^d ordinat̄ et Coī eorund' consensum concordat̄ est,
bridg. q^d Dn̄e vigil p' sex hoīes de corpor' potent̄ vigillant̄ tam p' dies quam p' noctes fient in Hund: de Freebridg: apud Walforton et apud Clenchyrne eo q^d dict̄ Hundred iungit se mari a Wisbech vsq' Dersinghā per 14 Leucas et q^d quilibet vigilans capiat p' diem et p' noctem pro vad' suis iiij^d et q^d Hund'
kclose de Clackclose adiungit eid' Hund' de Freebridge, and contribuend' ad vigil illī faciend', viz: pro qualibet septim' iiij^s vj^d et eid' Hund' de Freebridge vj^d septim' et sciend' est q^d 77 vil continent in dict duo Hund' 9 assignant̄ ad dict̄ vigil faciendū fiat etiam vna vigil apud Southlinn in Clenchyrne.[5]
thdon Itē q^d vna vigil fiat in Hundred' de Smethdon apud Thornehā p' sex hoīes, et q^d dict̄ Hund' iungit se Mari de Dersingham
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eenhoe vsq' Deepdale, ffenn p' 12 leucas et q^d Hundr' de Southgreene-
ndich hoe et Laundich adiungunt eidē Hundr' de Southgreenhoe iij^s vj^d p' septima', et Hundr' de Laundich iiij^s p' septima', et Hundredū de Smethdon iij^s et continent̄ in dict Hundred' 79 vil ad vigil illius fatiend'. Item fiat vna vigil in Hund:
llow de Gallow p' 4 hoīes eo q^d dictū Hund: iungit se mari de
ther- Deepedale vsq' Holkham p' 8 Lewcas et Hund' de Brother-
ss cross adiungit se eid' Hund' ad contribuend' ad vigil illī faciend' Hund: de Brothercross iij^s p' septima' et eidē Hundr' de Gallow iiij^s p' Sept, et sciendum est q^d 45 vil sunt in dict̄ Hund' ad vigil illas faciendum, Item fiat vna vigillia in
: No: Greenhoe apud Holkam p' sex hoīes eo q^d dict̄ Hund:
reenhoe iungit se mari de Holkam vsq' Merston p' sex leucas, et
yland Hund: de Wayland, Giltcross, Grimshaw et Earsham adiungunt
ltcross eid' Hund' ad contribuend' ad vigil illas faciendū. Wayland
imshoe ij^s p' septima' Grimshoe ij^s p' Septima' Giltcross ij^s p' septi-
rsham man̄ et Earsham ij^s p' Septima' et No: Greenhoe ij^s p'
ge 121. Septim' et sunt 76 vil ad vigillas illas faciendū. Item fiat
lt vna vigilia in Hund' de Holt apud wayborne p' sex homines

[5] This is a lost village.

Eynsford
Henstead

eo q^d dict Hund' iungit se mari a Merston vsq' Sheringhā p' 7 leucas, et Hund' de Eynsford et Henstead adiungunt eidem Hund' de Holt ad contribuend' ad vigilt illas faciend' viz: Einsford iiij^s p' Septima', Henstead iij^s 6^d p' Septim' et idē Hundr' de Holte iiij^s p' Septim', et sciend' est q^d sunt 70 vilt in Hund' p' dict ad vigilt illas faciendum. Item fiat vna vigillia in Hund' de No: Erpingham in duobus locis, viz: apud Runton et Trimingham p' quinq' hoīes eo q^d dictī Hund' iungit se mari a Dersingham vsq' Mundlebech[6] p' 10 leucas et Hund' de So: Erpingham et Mittford cum vilt infra libertatī adiungunt eidē Hund' ad vigilt illas faciend' viz: South Erpinghā vj^s 8^d p' Septim', Mittford iij^s vj^d p' Septim' et No: Erpinghā 12^s vj^d p' Septim' et sciend' est q^d 77 vilt sunt in dict: Hundr' ad vigilt illas faciendū. Itē fiat vna vigilt in Hund' de Tunstead apud Carwick[6] p' sex hoīes eo q^d dictī Hund' iungit se mari a Mundlesey vsq' Walcott p' quatuor leucas, et Hund' de Humbleyard et Forehoe adiungunt eidē Hund' ad contribuend' ad vigilt illas faciendū viz: Humbleyard iij^s p' Septim', Forehoe iij^s et Tunstead iiij^s vj^d p' Septim' et sciend' est q^d 76 vilt sunt in dictī Hund' ad vigillas illas faciendū. Item fiat vna vigilt in Hund' de Happinge in duobus locis viz: apud Happesborow p' 4 hoīes et apud Happing p' 4 homines, eo q^d dictī Hund' iungit se mari a Walcote vsq' Winksdeale[6] in loco periculoso p' quinq' leucas, et Hund' de Tauerham, Deepewade, Shropham et Diss adiungunt Hund' de Happinge ad contribuend' ad vigilt illas faciend' viz: Tauham ij^s p' Septim' Deepwade iij^s p' Septim' Shropham ij p' Septim' et Diss ij^s p' Septim' et dictī Hund' de Happinge ij^s p' Septim', et sciend' est q^d 88 vilt sunt in Hund' predictis ad vigilt illas faciendū. Et fiat vna vigillia in Hund' de East Flegg et West Flegg in tribus locis, viz: apud Winterton p' sex homines, apud Sotiles[6] hauen p' sex homines, et apud Firdam[6] p' sex homines, eo q^d dctī Hund' iungunt se mari a Wiklesbeck[6] vsq' Gruton[6] in Mitford in loco

No: Erpinghā
So: Erpinghā
Mittford
Tunstead
Humbleyard
Forehoe
Happinge
Tauerham
Deepewade
Shropham
Diss
East Flegg
West Flegg

[6] These seven place names are new to me, and may be of lost villages if they are not transcriber's errors, which they are not likely to be, as they also appear in Kirkpatrick's transcript of the other document.

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periculoso p' 7 leucas et Hund' de Walsham, Blofeild, Lodden, et Claueringe adiungunt eid' Hund' ad contribuend' ad vigilłi illas faciendū viz: Walsham 4ˢ vjᵈ p' Septim', Blofeild 4ˢ vjᵈ p' Septim', Lodden 5ˢ vjᵈ p' Septim', Knaueringe 5ˢ vjᵈ p' Septim', West Flegg ijˢ et East Flegg ijˢ p' Septim', et sciend' est qᵈ 102 vilł sunt in dictī Hund' ad vigillias illas faciendum.

Preceptū est omnibus Capitał Constabular' de Hundredis adiungunt mari in locis predictis in form a predicta hac instanti die Dominica proxim' futur', et preceptum est eidē Capitał Constabular', et omnibus alijs Sub Constabula' hund' totius Comitatī qᵈ sine dilatione leuare et reparare faciant Signa Fier bones super montes altiores in quolibet Hundred', ita quod tota patria p' illa signa quoties cunq' necesse fuerit
ge 122. premoniri possit. Et quod ipsi Capitał Constabularu' per aduisamentū Constabularu' villaru', et aliorū proborū hominū agistari faciant fideliter denarios pro vadijs vigillantī in Hund: predictis, in forma qua ordinatur soluendū de Septim' in Septim', ita quod defaułt in vigilłi supradictī nullo modo deueniat p' eorū defectū, et similiter quod omnes qᵈ agistā sunt ad arma et potentī ad pretend' arma, et omnes illi qui loco potent ad arma sua portand' assignatī sunt promptī et pacatī sunt in diem et noctem aduemendū solemnitur' disiuncte et aparte in presentia domini Walteri de Norwiᶜʰ episcopo[7] iuxta nos assident ibidem Curie Comunicare totius Com' Norff coram nobis comun' fecimus proclamari; et similiter preceptum est vic̄ qᵈ leuari faciat denar' agistatī in Hund' predictis per processᵉ pro vadijs predictis soluendum &c.

The footemen that watched the Beacons—1625—had allowance of one shillinge and fower pence a peece day and night.

Euerye horseman had ijˢ vjᵈ day and night.

The Superintendent, had 12ᵈ day and night.

John Hobert, Char: Cornewallis, Anth: Drurye.

[7] The only Walter Bishop of Norwich was Walter Lyhart, 1446—1472. The Bishop in 1291 was Ralph de Walpole. This fact at first rather made me doubt the authority of the document.

Page 122. May 20, 1629.

A letter frō ye Lo: of Arundell to ye Deputy Leiutenants in ye Countye of Norff.

After my hartye Cōmendations; I send you heerinclosed ye transcript of a letter which I latelye receyued from ye Lo: of his Maties most Hoble priuye Counsell requiringe a generall veiu and exact Muster to be taken this Sumer of all ye trayned forces both Horse and foote within ye Countye of Norff, wherin you may obserue how strict a charge is giuen to see that seruice dulye performed, and the way prescribed to certefie thir Loppes the names of such as shalbe deficient eyther in Horse or Armes. All wch together with what other seruice is therby Cōmanded, I pray and on his Maties behalf require you with all care and diligence to putt in execution, that I may accordinglye be able to render his Matie and their Lopes a better account of yor seruice now, then in former times: Soe recommendinge this to your serious care, I bidd you verye hartely farewell, and rest Your verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell Howse,
20 of May, 1629.

Page 123. April 30, 1629.

A letter from the Los of ye Counsell to the Lord of Arundell.

After our verye hartye Cōmendations to yor Loppe. The great neglect of the Musters in most of the Counties of this kingdome (of wch his Matie hath taken espetiall notice and is much displeased therwith) hath caused vs by his highnes express cōmand to call vpon you to cause an exact veiu to be taken of all the trayned forces both horse and foot in some conuenient time after the receyt heereof, and to see ye same to be compleat accordinge to the Moderne fashion, and alsoe that by the Serieants and officers formlye sent vnto you (if any of them be yett remayninge in yt Countye or else some other fitt and experienced persons) you cause all the trayned bands to be perfectlye instructed in ye exercise of their Armes; and in

these actions to take order that ye Commanders and officers apply themselues to know and to be able to performe the duties of their seuall charges: That you take espetiall care that both the Captaynes, officers, and Souldiers, be not only able and suffitient, but alsoe well affected in Religion: and y^t^ aswell the officers as the Souldiers take the Oath of Supremacye and Allegiance: and that noe souldier inrolled remoue his dwellinge out of the Towne or parish of his aboad without licence obtayned from the Dep: Leiut: of y^t^ deuision, to the end in case he shalbe licensed to depart, that then the Companye may be agayne made vp, and kept compleate both for numb^r^ of persons of able and actiue bodies and men practised in their Armes. And for the better preseruinge of your bands entire, if you finde y^t^ any Mannors, Mantion howses or Lands within the Countye wch haue formlye found or contributed to ye findinge of horse or foote, by deuidinge therof amongst coheyers, or by the purchase of any new owners, or by ye cōminge therof into the hands of any ioynteress or ten^t^ in Dower doe not furnish yor Musters with such Armes as formerlye they did or were charged to doe, or in proportion is fitt they should doe, that you take order that the same be supplyed, eyther by the owners or tennants or occupiers therof, and soe to charg all new cōmers and purchasers as y^t^ any such change or alteration as aforesayd may be noe occasion to deminish or vnfurnish your Bands, soe that you may make full the trayned forces both horse and foote and rather increase then deminish them, espetiallye the Horse. And alsoe y^t^ you charge the best sort of men to prouide themselues of Armes for their particular vse: and that you cause ye Beacons to be made vp and repayred, and to be continued in good order and repayre: And lastlye you are to take espetiall care that there be kept and continued in Magazine a suffient proportion of Powder, Match and Bullett, soe much at the least as heeretofore the Countye was sett at, the same to be kept in the vsuall or most conuenient places of ye County; And bycause there is still founde a greate deficiencye in the Horse Bands, and much neglect in those that

should shew their horses, notwthstandinge ye often callinge
Page 124. on that hath ben, It is his Maties pleasure, That where you finde such defects or neglects, you take good bond to his Maties vse, and returne the bonds to the Counsell table of these men that shew not, or whose Horses or Armes or furniture for y^{or} Horses are deficient, that they shall personally appeare wth their horse and armes, as you shall appoint them to shew them before his Matie on the first of Octo: next, and before that time, you to make certificate to vs of their names; and in case they shall eyther refuse to giue such bond being required, or shall fayle of presentinge thēselues att the day, or that you shall returne any other contemners, eyther as defaulters in the Musters or in their Armes, or in contributinge to those necessarye charges and prouisions without wch the Musters and traynings of men cannot be, and which heeretofore for such seruices were vsuallye raysed in y^{t} Countye, for raysinge wherof you or your deputye Leiut are to send out your Warrants, Vpon your certificate, we will take such a course wth them as is requisite vpon soe hygh and soe dayngerous contempts. And to the end we may be dulye informed of all things that may concerne the defence of the kingdome, and applye fitt remedies where any defects shall be found; We doe in his Maties name and by his express Comandement require yor Lo^{pp} to take effectuall order that a certificate and Muster Roll of the forces of the Horse and foote of that Countye and of ye pticulars aforesayd be returned to this board by the first of Octo^{r} aforesayd. In obseruinge of which directions for the returne of Muster Rolls (though there haue ben strict clauses and Comands in many of our former letters on that behalfe) there hath ben soe much neglect, as that if the same be returned by the day aforesayd, his Matie will require the personall attendance of you the Lo: Leiut and your deputies to answere the same, although we must acknowledge that your Lo^{pp} hath ben carefull in returninge the Muster Rolls of that Countye the last yeare. And soe we bidd your Lo^{pp} verye hartelye farewell. From White Hall, the last of Aprill, 1629.—Ye^{r} Lo^{pps} verye louinge

ffrends, Lo: Keeper, Lo: President, Lo: Priuy Seale, Earle of Linsey, Earle of Pembrook, Earle of Dorsett, Earle of Salisbury, Lo: Willemote, Lo: Newburge, Lo: Dorchester, Sr Tho: Edmunds, Sr Fran: Cottington.

125. 5, **A letter from ye Deputy Leiut in ye Countye of Norff, to the seuerall Captaynes in the sayd Countye.**

After our verye hartye Comendations,

Hauinge receyued letters from ye Right Hoble ye Lo: Leiut of this Countye together with the transcript of one other directed to his Lopp from the Los of his Maties most hoble priuye Counsell, concerninge a genall Muster of all ye forces of this Countye, wherin their Loppes Comand by express direction from his Matie, that an exact veiu be taken of all the trayned forces both horse and foote, and yt their seuerall armes be compleat accordinge to ye Moderne fashion, and yt you cause your companye to be perfectlye instructed in ye vse of their Armes and motions as often as conueniently you may, and that you and yor officers applye your selues to be able to pforme ye seuerall duties of your places, and that we enroll neyther officer nor Souldier, but such as are well affected in Religion, and that we suffer noe person soe enrolled to remoue himself out of the parish where he dwelleth without licence obtayned from some of vs, and in case any shalbe licensed to depart, that then yor companye may be againe made compleate both for number of persons, of able and actiue bodies and men practised in their Armes: And yt we take an espetiall care to cause ye own to serue, where they be of fittinge yeares and able bodies, or their Sonnes, and yt we enroll none but men resident within the same towne or Hundred where they serue: and further yt we charge impartially and indifferently the Lands and meanes of any person, whether he be resident or not, by layinge the owners, tennants or occupiers therof, and to charge all new comers or purchasers proportionably, and yt noe lands be deminished but rather increased. We

doe therfore by these in his Maties name pray and require you, y^{t} you putt theise there Lo^{pps} recomēnded to vs in due execution, as alsoe to ꝑsent your whole companye of foot compleatelye armed, before vs or some of vs vpon ye 4th of Aug: beinge tuesday by nine of ye Clock in ye forenoone at Totten Hill heath; and y^{t} you cause all ye vnder Const, to be then and there personally present, as alsoe in the meane time, y^{t} you cause ye Cheif Const̄ of ye Hundred where you are Captaynes, to see the Beacons (if any there be wthin ye Hundred) repayred and kept in good reparations, and y^{t} ye Match, Bullett, pionꝫs tooles wch belonge to the Hundred be compleat and in readines, and layd vp and kept in some conuenient place within ye sayd Hund̄: And y^{t} you returne to vs or some of vs, at ye signe of ye King's Head in Norw^{ch} vpon the first day of Sept next beinge tewsday by nine of ye clock in ye forenoone a ꝑfect Certificate or Muster Roll of the same, together wth the number of all the men and Armes within your charge, and of all such as shall refuse to shew such armes as they are charged wth, or present not their owne persons, beinge required to attend and serue at ye Musters, or other contemnꝫs or defaulters in not contributinge to those necessary charges, without which ye Musters and trayninge of men cannot be, and wch heeretofore for such seruices were vsuallye raysed, to ye end we may as we are Commanded make Certificate therof to the Lo^{s} of the Counsell, who will take an iīmediate course with them as for such dayngerous contempts they shalbe thought to deserue. And soe we rest Yo^{r} very louinge ffrends, Thomas Woodhouse, Will: de Gray, John Hare.

Norw^{ch},
the 15th of Julye, 1629.

26. **To the Right Honoble the Earle of Arundell and Surrey, Earle Marshall of England, and Lo: Leiut of the Countye of Norff.**

May it please your Lo^pp^,

We haue heere in this time of ye Assises had a meetinge wth a purpose to performe concerninge our Musters in this County, what yor Lo^pp^ by your letters of ye 20 of May last was pleased to Comand vs; but vpon conference and consideration of the busines doe finde, y^t^ without some more espitall direction and fortification of ye power giuen vnto vs, we shall by noe meanes be able to execute therin eyther what agreeth wth his Maties seruice, or what is by your Lo^pp^ required of vs. Soe manye are the Captaynes both of horse and foote that haue giuen ouer their charges and such the absolute refusall of such as we hold fitt to be appointed to supplye them, as vntill we may receyue more particular knowledge of your Lo^pps^ pleasure therin, and further power and directions to impose those charges, we shalbe enforced to make a stay of our proceedings in the Musters, All which we humbly recomend to your Lo^pps^ graue and wise consideration, and doe beseech as soon as it may agree with yor Lo^pps^ conueniencye, you wilbe pleased therin to lett vs vnderstande your pleasure, in the meane time we euer rest Yo^r^ Lo^pps^ humbly at Comandem^t^, Tho: Woodhouse, Will: de Gray, John Hare.

Norw^ch^,
the 15th of July, 1629.

126. **In Camera Stellata coram Concilio ibidem 17° die Octobris Anno quarto Caroli Regis.**

This day and alsoe the first sittinge day of this Tearme were wholye spent in hearinge and debatinge the matters of complaynt exhibited into this Court by his Maties Atturnye generall pl: agaynst Sr Simeon Steward, Knight def^t^ for oppressions, briberies, extortions, and other offences supposed

to be Comitted by ye sayd Defat. as deputy Leiut for ye County of Cambridge, and as Compounder for his Maties prouision of Veales wth in the Isle of Elye and for other crimes and offences as by the sayd information more at large appeareth. Vpon full and deliberate hearinge and debatinge wherof, it playnelye appeareth to this Ho^ble Court, That whereas in the yeare of our Lord God 1624, a Press came downe into the County of Cambridge for the leauyinge of a certayne number of Souldiers, one Henry Spencer a Butcher, who beinge a strainger, was then come to liue within the sayd towne of Elye, beinge pressed by ye Constables there to goe as a Souldier at that time, and beinge brought before Sr Simeon Steward, and other Deputye Leiut of the same sheire, the sayd def. ther with the other Dep: Leiut^s did (for the sume of 20^s by him presently payd towards the settinge forth and furnishinge of another Souldier to be sent in his steade, which was soe imployed accordinglye) discharge ye said Spencer, but withall tould him y^t if he did not leaue the towne within three weeks, he should be pressed agayne the next press. And that one John Hellham beinge then likewise pressed by ye Constables to goe as a Souldier in that seruice,
Page 127. beinge brought before ye sayd Sr Simeon Steward and the sayd other Dep: Leiut., was by ye sayd def^t and ye foresaid Deputy Leiut^s freed and discharged vpon condition, y^t he should pay for the cariage of the rest of the Souldiers by water to Cambridge, which cost him about 22^s wch was imployed for ye transportinge of the Souldiers accordinglye. And y^t one Edward Burton being likewise prest for a Souldier by ye Consta: was afterward by ye sayd def^t and by the other Dep: Leiut freed and discharged of that seruice, vpon payment of 10^s to another Souldier prest in his stead, wch 10^s was soe imployed accordinglye: All wch proceedings of the sayd def^s, the Court held to be an oppression and agaynst the Lawes of this kingdome; Yett their Lo^pps did beleeue that it was rather an error then any willfull misdemean in the sayd def^t and other ye sayd deputy Leiut^s: And therfore the not punishinge of such an offence cominge iudiciallye to

hearinge should seeme to make that a iustifiable act wch is not warrantable by Law, the Court hath therefore for example sake, and in condemnation of the sayd fact, rather then of ye person, Ordered and adiudged and decreed, that the sayd Sr Simeon Steward shall stand and be comitted to ye prison of the ffleet, and shall pay a fine of 50^li^ to his Maties vse; but for y^t^ the sayd def^t^ was charged with a number of foule offences, as Briberye, Extortion, and for levyinge of double sums of mony in the Countrye in one and the same yeare, and other great crimes, most of which were deserted at the hearinge of the cause, and noe proofes at all made of any of the other offences; The Court doth hould the sayd Sr Simeon Steward absolutelye cleere and guiltless of all the other offences where wth he stood charged by the sayd information (other then the discharginge of ye sayd Spencer, Hellham, and Burton as aforesayd) and conceyuinge that he was persecuted rather out of mallice and euell will, then vpon any iust ground or cause whatsoeuer; haue cleerelye and absolutelye freed him of all the sayd offences, and haue declared him vntouched with anye manner of Infamye, and a man free from all manner of corruption and extortion, and from all other offences, wherewith he was soe malitiouslye charged, and prosecuted as aforesayd; In respect wherof, and for that he had ben by the prosecutors at the Counsell table, and else where for the same offences, where of he is now cleerelye acquitted: And for that the def^t^ did wayue the benefitt of his pardon, which he might haue pleaded thervnto if he had ben guiltye. The whole court haue thought fitt and ordered that the sayd defendant be freed and discharged from payinge any Costs to the relators or prosecutors of this cause.—Me: Goade.

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Counties.	Wheat. qters.	Oxen. fatt.	Oxen. leane.	Mutton fatt.	Mutton leane.	Veales.	Stirks.	Porkes.	Boares.	Lambs.	Butter. Barrels.	Geese. dozens.	Capons. dozens.	Henns. dozens.	Pullets dozens.	Chicks. dozens.	Butter. pounds.	Wax. pounds.	Bacon. flitches.
Bedfordsh:	..	30	..	200	..	40	..	..	..	300	..	..	10	30	50	30	..	..	..
Buckinghamsh:	300	50	..	500	..	50	..	..	..	400	..	10	20	20	20	100	..	..	..
Barksheire	400	..	5	..	300	50	..	20	4	200	..	10	10	10	30	100	..	300	20
Chesheire	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cornewall	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cambridgsh:	40	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	20	20	100	..	..	20
Darbish:	..	..	400	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dorsetsheire	..	..	..	..	500	..	..	..	..	500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Deuonsheire	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Elye	..	..	..	..	..	.	65	..	..	..	..	30	10	30	20	..	..	..	.
Essex	500	20	..	300	..	300	..	100	6	1200	..	50	10	30	40	150	41600	..	30
Glostersh:	..	10	..	200	..	..	40	..	..	150	..	..	10	..	30	100	..	700	..
Huntingtonsh:		..	..	200	..	..	40	40	..	200	..	10	10	20	40	60	..	..	..
Hertfordsh:	400	..	..	..	..	50	..	30	..	120	..	5	10	30	50	120	..	..	100
Herefordsh:	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kent	500	40	..	400	..	50	..	..	6	1700	..	5	10	30	50	120	..	..	100
Lincolnesh:	..	80	..	800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lancasheire	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leicestersh:	..	40	..	600	..	..	10	30	..	400	..	..	20	30	40	20	..	..	..
Middlesex	200	..	..	..	..	144	..	..	..	..	..	20 gr:	10	20	20	40	10900	..	..
Nottinghamsh:	..	..	20	..	200	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Norff.	200	10	..	200	..	..	30	50	..	150	..	..	10	80	80	40	..	1200	..
Northamptonsh:	..	40	..	300	300	30	10	..	4	300	..	..	10	10	50	100	..	..	.
Oxfordsheire	200	10	..	200	..	20	10	50	..	200	..	10	10	10	30	100	..	..	..
Rutlandsheire	..	..	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Somersettsh:	..	100	..	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southampt.	400	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	300	..	20	20	30	50	..	..	..	..
Sussex	254	40	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
Shropsheire	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Staffordsh:	..	..	40	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.
Surrey	.	..	..	..	..	100	..	..	..	50	..	5	16	10	30	100	..	..	10
Suff.	100	..	..	..	..	300	30	60	6	..	40	..	20	80	80	100	..	600	40
Wiltsheire	30	15	..	200	..	40	20	..	..	200	..	..	16	..	40	100	..	..	..
Worcestersh:	..	20	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Warwicksh:	..	35	..	200	200	..	..	..	..	200	..	5	20	20	20	..	..	..	..
Wallia.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	190	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yorksheire	..	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sum: tot: ..	3806	528	300	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

These are the eight denisions of Norff. as the Hundreds are parted with lines.

Hundreds.	Rate of 30ll					60ll				120ll				64ll					128ll				100ll				300ll				
	li	s.	d.	ob'	q'	li	s.	d.	ob'	li	s.	d.	ob'	li	s.	d.	ob'	q'	li	s.	d.	ob'	li	s.	d.	ob'	li	s.	d.	ob'	
Eastflegg ..	0	8	6	0	0	0	17	0	0	1	14	0	0	0	18	1	0	q'	1	16	2	ob'	1	8	4	0	4	5	0	0	
Westflegg ..	0	11	4	0	0	1	11	8	0	2	5	4	0	1	4	1	ob'	q'	2	8	3	ob'	1	17	9	0	5	13	2	ob'	1.
Happing ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
Tunstead ..	1	2	8	0	0	11	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	16	7	q'	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	
Blowfeild ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
Walsham ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
Lodden ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	2.
Claflinge ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
Taflham ..	0	11	4	0	0	1	2	8	0	2	5	4	0	1	4	1	ob'	q'	2	8	3	ob'	1	17	9	0	5	13	2	ob'	
Diss	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
Deepewade ..	1	2	8	0	0	2	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	16	7	q'	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	
Ersham ..	0	19	9	ob'	0	1	19	7	0	3	19	2	0	2	11	3	0	0	4	4	6	q'	3	6	0	ob'	9	18	1	0	3.
Henstead ..	0	11	4	0	0	1	2	8	0	2	5	4	0	1	4	1	ob'	q'	2	8	3	ob'	1	17	9	0	5	13	2	ob'	
Mittford ..	1	2	8	0	0	2	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	16	7	0	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	
Forehoe ..	1	5	6	0	0	2	11	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	14	4	0	0	5	8	8	q'	4	4	11	0	12	14	9	0	4.
Humbleyard ..	0	11	4	0	0	1	2	8	0	2	5	4	0	1	4	1	ob'	q'	2	8	3	ob'	1	17	9	0	5	13	11	ob'	
So: Greenhoe..	1	2	8	0	0	2	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	17	7	q'	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	
Grimshaw ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	10	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
Wayland ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	5.
Shropham ..	0	19	9	ob'	0	1	19	7	0	3	19	11	0	2	2	3	0	0	4	4	6	q'	3	6	0	ob'	9	18	1	0	
Giltcross ..	0	19	10	ob'	0	0	19	9	0	1	19	6	0	1	1	1	ob'	0	2	2	3	q'	1	13	0	0	4	19	0	0	
Landich ..	1	2	8	0	0	2	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	16	7	q'	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	
Smethdon ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
Gallow ..	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	6.
Brothercross ..	0	9	10	ob'	0	0	19	9	0	1	19	6	0	1	1	1	ob'	0	2	2	3	q'	1	13	0	0	4	19	0	0	
No: Greenhoe	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
So. Erpinghā	1	8	3	ob'	0	2	16	7	0	5	13	2	0	3	0	4	ob'	0	6	9	0	q'	4	14	4	0	14	3	0	ob'	
No: Erpinghā	1	2	8	0	0	2	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	16	7	q'	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	
Eynsford ..	1	2	8	0	0	2	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	16	7	q'	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	7.
Holt	0	16	11	ob'	q'	1	13	11	ob'	3	7	11	0	1	16	2	ob'	q'	3	12	5	ob'	2	16	7	0	8	9	9	ob'	
Clackclose ..	1	5	6	0	0	2	11	0	0	5	2	1	0	2	14	4	0	0	5	8	8	q'	4	4	11	0	2	14	9	0	
Fre: Linn ..	1	2	8	0	0	2	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	16	7	q'	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	8.
Fre: Mershland	1	2	8	0	0	2	5	4	0	4	10	8	0	2	8	3	ob'	0	4	16	7	q'	3	15	6	0	11	6	5	ob'	
	30	0	2	ob'	q'	60	0	5	ob'	120	0	11	0	64	0	1	0	0	128	2	0	q'	100	0	1	0	300	0	3	0	

By the helpe of this table of Rates, any Rate may easelye be sett vpon seuerall Hundreds in the Assessm^t of any generall Sum̄ vpon the Countye accordinge as the sume to be assessed will eyther deuide or be deuided by anye Rate of the table.

As a Sume of 15^li deuided into two or take halfe of 30. 90 is y^e Rate, 30 and 60 added or thrice 30. 32 is the half of 64. 320 is 5 times 64, or it is 300 and $\frac{2}{3}$ of 30, or $\frac{1}{3}$ of 60. 512 is 4 times 128.

Page 131. Now for all odd pounds, as when a rate will neyther deuide nor be deuided by any of the table rates, but that there will remayne 1, 2, 3 or 4^li ouer; then vse the table followinge, which will giue the part for the odd pounds, and not y^t there be but eight proportions in all y^e Countye, and euerye Hundred is contayned vuder some of these proportions.

Hundreds.	1^li	2^li	3^li	4^li
Eastflegg ..	3^d $\frac{4}{10}$ of a penny	6^d $\frac{8}{10}$^d	10^d $\frac{2}{10}$^d	1^s 1^d $\frac{6}{10}$^d
Giltcross ..	3^d ob' $\frac{2}{10}$ ob'	2^d ob' $\frac{3}{10}$ ob'	11^d $\frac{8}{10}$ ob'	1^s 3^d ob' $\frac{6}{10}$ ob'
Westflegg ..	4^d ob' $\frac{2}{10}$ ob'	9^d ob' fere	1^s 1^d ob' $\frac{6}{10}$ ob'	1^s 7^d fere
Happinge ..	6^d ob' $\frac{6}{10}$ ob'	1^s 1^d ob' $\frac{2}{10}$ ob'	1^s 8^d $\frac{8}{10}$ ob'	3^s 3^d $\frac{4}{10}$ ob'
Earsham ..	2^d ob' $\frac{8}{10}$ ob'	1^s 3^d ob' $\frac{6}{10}$ ob'	1^s 11^d ob' $\frac{4}{10}$ ob'	2^s 7^d ob' $\frac{2}{10}$ ob'
Tunstead ..	8^d ob' $\frac{7}{10}$ ob'	1^s 5^d ob' $\frac{4}{10}$ ob'	2^s 2^d ob' $\frac{1}{10}$ ob'	2^s 11^d $\frac{8}{10}$ ob'
Forehoe ..	10^d dem' q'	1^s 8^d q' $\frac{3}{10}$ q'	2^s 6^d q' dem'	3^s 4^d ob' $\frac{6}{10}$ ob'
So: Erpinghã	11^d $\frac{7}{10}$ ob'	1^s 10^d ob' $\frac{4}{10}$ ob'	2^s 10^d ob' $\frac{1}{10}$ ob'	3^s 10^d

Now suppose that the monye to be leuyed were 194^li, and that you would know what Happinge should pay (and the worke of that will serue for all the rest): ffirst the table for 100^li for Happinge giues 2^li 16^s 7^d, then the tables for 30^li or 60^li (wch maks 90^li) giue 16^s 11^d ob' q' and 1^li 13^s 11^d ob', all which added $\left\{\begin{array}{lllll} 2 & 16 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 11 & \text{ob' q'} \\ 1 & 13 & 11 & \text{ob' } 0 \end{array}\right\}$ makes 5^li 7^s 6^d q'.

Then take out of the last table 2^s 3^d $\frac{4}{10}$ and add 2^{li} 3^s $\frac{4}{10}^d$ y^e monyes due for 4^{li} to the proportion for Happinge and the whole Sum̄ is 5^{li} 9^s 9^d ob' &c.

Norw^{ch} is vsuallye taxed with So: Erpingham.

Christ Church with halfe Giltcross.

Lynn with Happinge &c.

Thetford with East Flegg: about halfe Lynn.

Yarmouth about $\frac{3}{4}$ of Lynn.

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A letter from the Lo: of Arundell to his Dep: Leiut. in the Countye of Norff.

After my verye hartye Com̄endations vnto you. I haue receyued yor letter touchinge the Musters this Sum̄, and y^e Captaynes and officers relinquishinge and refusinge their charges, whervnto you desire an answere. His Matie hauinge taken notice therof, is resolued that those things shalbe more effectually and reallye proceeded in then heretofore, and that such persons as haue formerlye vndertaken Commands and charges shall still continue the same, and of these and other necessarye points, there wilbe deliberate consideration had, both for settlinge the present, and for punishinge defaulters, and heerein you shall verye speedelye receyue more particular instructions. To which end I doe require and pray all of you to be personallye present at Norw^{ch} on tuesday night or weddensday morninge next, there to receyue peremtorye and express directions for yor further proceedings in all these particulars: as alsoe touchinge the Musters for the Cittye or Norw^{ch} to be held this Sum̄er: In the meane time I require you with all possible care to dispose and preserue all things in such condition as that this seruice which is of soe greate importance may be noe way neglected that his Matie may receyue full satisfaction of your tru endeauours heerin. Soe not doubtinge of your effectuall care I rest yor verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell house,
the 19th of July, 1629.

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A letter from ye Dep: Leiuts in ye County of Norff. to ye Captaynes of ye foote Companies, and horse troopes.

After our hartye Comendations,

Wheras vpon the late takinge the veiu of the Musters of this Countye in our seuerall deuisions, we found a generall defect both in ye Horse and foote Companies, as well in those persons wch are charged with Armes in not presentinge themselues before vs, as in manye of those that were presented and found defectiue. And forasmuch as we are streightlye comanded to prouide that those defects be in all points presentlye amended and most vnwillinge that anye of our neybours and Countrymen should endure the troble, disgrace, and punishmt, which is now intended to those who neglect these seruices, soe much importinge the Honor and safetye of his Matie and this our Country. We haue thought good by these to pray and require you with all conuenient speede to call your Company within your charge, and to see yt all such defects be amended in theire seuerall armes that were at the last generall Muster defaulted, if ye amendinge of wch defaultes be yett deferred, or any other in not shewinge such armes as they are charged with, or not seruinge in theire owne persons beinge of able and actiue bodies, or any other contemners or defaulters at the Musters, that you agayne appointe such defaulters another peremtorye day to appeare before you, and to giue reason of their neglects vnto you of that seruice, before the returne of yor next Muster Roll: and that such as shall not in that behalfe performe their duties,

Page 133. You doe by authoritye heereof, streightlye charge and Comande the Cheif Constables of those Hundreds wherin they liue, to cause them personallye to appeare before vs (where we require both you and the Cheif Constables to be present) at East Deereham vpon tuesday ye 14th day of Octor next, by nine of the clock in the forenoone, and bringe your Muster Rolls with you, to the end we may there proceede against them, as by the directions receyued from the Lords of his Maties

most honorable priuye counsell and our Lord Leiutenante we are Comanded. Soe expectinge your carefull performance of his Maties seruice, we rest Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrends, Tho: Woodhowse, Charles Cornewallis, William de Gray, John Hare.

Norw^ch^,
this first of Sept., 1629.

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To my verye louinge ffrends my Dep: Leiut^s^ of ye Cittye of Norw^ch^.

After my hartye Comendations, I sent letters vnto you for Musters to be held this Sum within the Countye of Norff. of wch I desire you to lett me haue as speedye a report as may be accordinge to what was resolued when I was with you. I hauinge now granted a new deputation vnto you for the Cittye of Norw^ch^, doe desire you forthwith to hold yor Musters there accordinge to the Instructions of those form letters wch you receyued from me for Musters in y^t^ Countye: herein I cannot but earnestlye desire you to vse some spetiall care, bycause I haue vnderstood y^t^ their owne practise in this kinde hath ben very remiss and fauorable vnto themselues, wherby his Maties seruice hath suffered much there in ye number of ye Trayned Souldiers, wch is much decreased of late in the number and qualitye of theire Armes, by ye frequent practise of borrowinge one from another, and not reallye furnishinge themselues, and is wholye omitted in the findinge of Horse amonge them. In which pointe I must entreate you diligentlye to informe your selues of the practise there heretofore, and of the conueniencye now of that part of seruice to be performed alsoe by them. Soe not doubtinge of your faythfull cares herein, and desiringe to heare from you of your proceedings, I rest Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Arundell house,
this 7th of Sept., 1629.

Page 134. Nov. 4, 1629.

Orders made at Norwch the 4th of Nouember, 1629.

These are alsoe to require you to make knowen to all ye seuall Captaines of the English, Duch, and French Companies in Norwch these orders followinge, which were alsoe then agreed vpon and resolued to be put in execution: viz: That whereas diuers persons inhabitinge within the sayd Cittye of Norwch and Countye of the same haue ben heeretofore charged with Curats only without Tases, and doe accordinglye soe shew ye same at the Musters: It is this present day ordered by ye Right Honorable the Lo: Matreuers and those other Dep: Leiuts whose names are here vnto subscribed, yt the Captaynes of euerye the sayd bands shall presently take order with euery of those persons within their seuerall Companies, yt haue ben heeretofore soe charged wth Curatts, shall, before the next muster to be taken in Norwch add and supplye good and seruiceable Taces to euerye of their Curatts.

Alsoe it is ordered, that all that are charged wth Musketts and are not allreadye prouided and furnished wth good head peeces, shall alsoe prouide good head peeces of the best Moderne fashion before ye next Muster to be taken in Norwch: and yt all that are charged with Armes doe present themselues with the Armes wherewith they are charged in their owne persons, hauinge able bodies at the Musters in Norwch, both generall and spetiall, except those yt haue borne principall Offices in ye sayd Cittye.

Alsoe it is ordered that all and euerye the sayd Captaynes doe before the next Muster in Norwch cause all the seuerall Armes within their seuall Bands to be stamped and Marked, accordinge to his Maties late Proclamation, aswell Corsletts as Pykes and Musketts to preuent borrowinge of Armes.

Alsoe it is ordered that Doctor Sautine Dr of Phisick in Norwhich shall finde a Corslett furnished to be enrolled and exercised by his seruant in the Duch Companye vnder the Comand and conduct of Captayne John Crusoe Captayne of the sayd Companye.

And lastlye it is ordered that the Stat of the 4 and 5 yeares of Phillipp and Queene Marie Chapt the 3[d] intituled an Act for takinge the Musters, shalbe dulye and seuerelye put in execution within the Cittye of Norwhich and Countye of the same, vpon all aud euye person and persons that shall offend in anye article, clause or sentence conteyned in the sayd Act of Parliment, accordinge to the true meaninge of the sayd act. Giuen at Norw[ch] vnder our hands 4th of Nouẽ, 1629.

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Wheras vpon vieu of the certificate from the seuerall Captaynes, of this Countye, we finde manye negligent or willfull defaulters that refuse or neglect to shew such armes as they are charged with, beinge of suffitient estates and abilityes for the same, for the defence of his Ma[ties] person and our Countrye: alsoe others refusinge to serue in their owne persons, beinge knowne and reputed to be of able bodyes (a particular of greate importance w[ch] we are stricktlye required to obserue and see performed) and tends to the greate hinderance of his Ma[ties] seruice and to y[e] daingerous example of others, which defaulters his Ma[tie] by late letters declareth, betrayers of his Honor, and the saftye of his kingdomes, as much as in them lyeth: And forasmuch as wee are streightlye Comanded rather to increase then deminish the seuerall companies of this Countye, as alsoe to putt in seuere execution such directions as we haue latelye receyued, vpon all such delinquents.

Wee doe therfore by these in his Ma[ties] name straightlye charge and Comande you, that you giue spetiall warneinge to all such persons heere vnder named, and that you faile not (as you will answere the Contrarye) to cause them personallye to appeare before the Right Ho[ble] the Lo: Matrauers and vs, at his Lo[pps] house the Dukes Pallace in Norw[ch] on Munday the 11th day of Januarye next by nine of the clock in the forenoone, that there, vpon good proofe of theire contumacye or neglect, they may receyue such censure as is spetiallye appointed for such delinquents.

And further we require that you giue spetiall notice to y[e] Captayne of that selected trayned band, that he or his Leiut

fayle not to be there present at the time and place aforesayd, to iustifie the cause, and to make good theire sayd returne vnto vs, agaynst the sayd delinquents: where we require you alsoe to be present, and to make returne vnto vs of this our Warrant. Giuen vnder our hands this 8t of Decemr, 1629.—Charles Cornewallis, John Hare.

Page 136. June 19, 1631.

A letter from his Matie to the Earle of Arrundell, Earle Marshall of Eng: and Leiut for ye County of Norff.

Charles Rex.—Right trustye and right welbeloued Cosen and Counsellor, wee greete you well. Wheras vpon motion made vnto vs, on the behalfe of our good brother the Kinge of Sweden we haue giuen licence and permission to our trustye and right welbeloued Cosen ye Marques Hambleton, and to the Captaynes and officers vnder him to leuye and transport six thousand english voluntaries to be imployed vnder the conduct of the sayd Marques for that Kinge in a warr, iust, and Honoble, accordinge to his publiq declaration thereof not vndertaken for priuate ambition to inuade the dominions of others, but for the reestablishinge of such Princes his allies as haue ben wrongfullye dispossessed of their auntient dignities and estates, of which sort the distressed state of our Deare brother and only Sister cannot but come neere our hart, and for the generall peace of Christendome, and the enlargemt of free Comerce. Now for the good esteeme we haue of the worth and qualitye of our sayd Cosen who hath vndertaken this charge, and for the benifitt which this kingdome will finde, in disburdeninge it self of soe manye vnnecessarye men that want imploymt, and for that the season of the yeare requires expedition for the raysinge and transportinge soe manye men into soe remote parts. Wee doe therefore instantlye require and Comand you to imploy your very best indeauours to the accomplishmt of this seruice, and that you recomend the same, to yor Dep: Leiuts, the Justices of Peace, and other our officers and ministers within the precinct of yor Leiutenancye, as a matter which we doe well

affect, and doe expect to be of all hands, earnestly and speededelye performed. Giuen vnder our Signett at our Mannor of Greenewich the 19th of June, and in ye seauenth yeare of our Raigne.

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A letter from the Lo: of Arundell to his Dep: Leiut in the Countye of Norff.

After my verye hartye Comendations vnto you. I send you heereinclosed a true coppye of his Maties letter vnto me for the leauye of voluntaries for the Kinge of Sweden, wch beinge a matter of importance, presinge in point, time, and of ease to the kingdome, by ye disburtheninge of manye vnnecessarye people; as alsoe wherin his Matie hath earnestly Commanded yt the best diligence should be employed for ye full and speedye accomplishmt therof. I heerebye pray and streightly require you, to performe the same with all possible expedition and care, that his Matie may receyue due satisfaction, in our iust obedience to his Comands. Soe not doubtinge of your speedye performance and expectinge an account of your proceedings, I rest Yor verye louinge ffrend, Arrundell and Surrey.

Arrundell house,
this 20 of June, 1631.

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A letter from the Los of the Counsell to the Earle of Arundell.

After our verye hartye Comendations to yor Lopp, It is his Maties pleasure that all the forces both Horse and foot should be well Mustred, trayned and furnished, for the defence and safetye of the kingdome, and for that purpose, we vsuallye call vpon your Lopp and other Leiut. once euye yeare at the least by our letters and directions frō time to time, which if they were soe well executed, as ye importance of the busines requireth, we might sometime spare our labor: but seinge there is iust cause to continue our wonted course, for yt we

find still manye defects in the due execution of our directions, and some in two or three yeares haue not returned anye certificates at all. We haue therfore thought good now agayne to write our letters vnto your Lo^{pp}, to putt you in minde of our directions in our letters of the 30th of Aprill, 1629, wch were soe large and full, that we shall not neede to say any more, but onlye to pray and require yor Lo^{pp} dulye and carefullye to putt them in execution, sauinge onlye, bycause in our form̃ letters there is noe express direction, to haue the trayned Bands mustered more then once in the yeare; Wee hold it verye fitt, and doe pray and require your Lo^{pp} to take order y^{t} they may be exercised, soe often and at such times as shall be most conuenient for the Country and his Maties seruice; and that the Captaines doe put theire companies in files, and frequentlye exercise them vpon Holye dayes (when they spend theire time com̃onlye in drinkinge and other vnlawfull exercises) accordinge to the printed instructions by order from this Board, and alsoe y^{t} ye seu^{9}all Captaynes doe sometimes exercise the whole companyes together, wth the allowance of ye Dep: Leiut. of that limitt, and in these exercises both geñall and spetiall, that ye Muster M^{r}, or his Deputye fitt and able for y^{t} seruice, be alwayes ayding and assistinge the seu^{9}all Captaynes, accordinge to our late orders to your Lo^{pp} and to other Leiut^{s} of the 21th of Dec: 1629. And further we hold it verye fitt as well bycause there is a verye great defect in Armes, as for diuers other good considerations, y^{t} eu^{9}ye man that is or shalbe enrolled in the trayned bands and is of able bodye (except he be ye King's seruant, or haue such place vnder the Kinge as may lawfullye excuse him) should performe his seruice with his owne Armes in person; and that yor Lo^{pp} giue order to yor Dep: Leiut. and Muster M^{r}, to see y^{t} ye Armes be compleate accordinge to the Moderne fashion, and not to allow anye but such as shalbe seruiceable and most vsefull. Of the due performance wherof and of all other our form̃ directions mentioned in our sayd letters of ye 30th of Aprill we will expect and doe require yor Lo^{pp} that you returne a perfect Certificate at or before the first day of

Octo: next. And soe we bidd your Lo^pp^ verye hartelye farewell. From White Hall, May the 31th, 1631.—Yo^r^ Lo^pps^ verye louinge ffrends, Lo: Keeper, Lo: Chamberline, E. of Exeter, Vic: Wentworth, Earle Marshall, Earle of Salisburye, E. of Kelly, Secretary Cook.

138. **To my verye louinge ffrends my Deputy Leiut^s^ in the Countye of Norff.**

After my hartye Comendations vnto you, I send you heerinclosed a true Coppye of the letters for Musters, wch I latelye receyued from their Lo^pps^, wherin you may see his Maties pleasure, and their Lo^ps^ directions for all care and diligence to be vsed in this Sum̃rs Musters both of Horse and foote w^th^in the Countye of Norff. I suffitienlye know ye great paines yor selues doe constantlye take in this affayre, wch I take kindely from you; yett in regarde of the greate consequence of this seruice to the Publiq, I cannot but call vpon you, not onlye to continue the same but daylye and as occasion shall require to increase yor cares and watchfullnes if it may be heerein: And ye rather for y^t^ diu^r^s persons disaffected to authorytye and publiq' dutye, by their ill examples doe deterr others from their due performance; touchinge whom I make account that before you putt theise musters to a begininge you shall receyue order from their Lo^ps^ to satisfie both your selues and the Country, that this is a seruice of such a nature as y^t^ their Lo^ps^ will seu^r^lye proceede against such as haue neglected their duties heerein. For other particulers I referr you to their Lo^ps^ instructions at this present of the 30th of Aprill, and the 21th of Decem^r^ 1629, wch I pray and require you fullye to putt in practise; amonge wch that euerye man performe his seruice with his owne armes in person, and y^t^ you continue still yor good course that the Muster M^r^ may receyue his allowance, for the seruice he doth ye Country, wch is a busines his Matie taketh notice of. Soe expectinge to heare of your proceedings heerin I rest Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrend, Arundell and Surrey.

Page 138. Nov. 1, 1631.

To my verye louinge frends my Deputye Leiut^s in the Countye of Norff.

After my hartye Comendations vnto you, I haue rec: ye Account of this Sum)s Musters for Norff., whereby I see the greate diligence and paynes y^t hath ben vsed for reformation, wherof I am glad to finde some present effects and soe good hopes. I doubt not but y^t those affayres would haue ben in better condition, if all of you had soe attended them, as some of you did: Wherfore I cannot but much marvaile y^t soe necessarye a seruice should be soe strainglye deserted, espetiallye when my owne Sonn (whose example I hoped might haue wrought better effects) did trulye and dilligenlye attende it. The report wherin are diu^ers things to be aduised of, therw^th their Lo^ps did amaze me, how I should propound it to their Lo^ps beinge avouched wth soe few hands: further what blame can be layd vpon inferior officers not doinge their duties, or what punishm^t inflicted vpon delinquents, since you whom his Matie knowes I trust wth this seruice, in this point comitt a greater error by ye greatnes of yor example. I shall for this time decline anye farther dislike, but wth this resolution, y^t the next neglect shall enforce me to acquaint his Matie, y^t ye omissions of dutye in his seruice are not on my part; but I assure my self your owne Considerations, will renew yor form) paynes and diligence. Soe I rest Yo^r verye louinge ffrends, Arrundell and Surrey.

Arrundell house,
the first of Nouem^r, 1631.

Page 139. Oct. 29, 1631.

A warrant from the Justices of Peace in ye Countye of Norff to ye Cheife Consta^s.

Norff.

Whereas by his Maties royall Proclamation, and letters from the Right Ho^ble the Lo^s of his Maties most Ho^ble priuye Counsell, streight charge and Comand hath ben giuen to his Maties Justices of the Peace w^thin this Countye to see due execution

of his Maties Lawes for the releife of ye poore in this time of Dearth, and y^{t} orders sett out and published by his Matie to be dulye executed: and forasmuch as his Maties Justices for this Countye at two seu^{ꝰ}all Sessions of ye Peace holden at Norw^{ch}, the one the 4th day of this present Octo^{r} and ye other ye 21th day of the same moneth, haue made at the same Sessions diu^{ꝰ}s good orders, and giuen directions to vs and other his Maties Justices that were not there present for the better furtherance and proceedinge therein. These are therfore in his Maties name to will and Com̄ande you, presentlye vpon the receyte heereof that you personallye doe make diligent search and inquire by all the best means you can wthin yor Hundred of ye abuse of Brewers in takinge of vessells that shall not be made accordinge to ye Assise limited and appointed by the Stat in that case; as alsoe to make diligent enquirye whether any Brewer within yor Hundred doe sell any beere aboue the price of vj^{s} 8^{d} ye Barrell, of stronge beere, and 4^{s} vj^{d} the barrell of small beere; as alsoe if anye alehousekeeper or Innkeeper shall brew any beere themselues and sell the same: y^{t} if they shall not respectiuelye sell the same, the stronge beere a quart for a penny, and the small beere two quarts for a penny, vpon ye penallties by the statute in y^{t} case prouided: And what brewers doe vse Maultinge except the barlye be growinge in their owne grounds, and if they haue anye barlye in their owne possession to be Maulted y^{t} is not like to continue good, that they mault not ye same wthout the licence of one Justice of the Peace: And further that you doe informe yor selues the best you cann of the holesomeness and workemanlye makeinge both of breade and Beere: And that you haue a care to make diligent enquirye whether the Bakers doe keepe the due Assise of Bread accordinge to the Law: And whether euerye Barrell doth contayne thirtye Six Gallons to the Barrell of Beere: And to informe vs what number of Maulsters within euerye seuerall towne within your Hundred, which doe buy Corne to sell it agayne: And what number of Badgers, Kiddiers, and Laders you likewise haue: Alsoe to p̄sent vnto vs all Ingrossers,

Forestallers, and Regrators of anye corne in the Markett, or cōminge to the Market: And what corne is caried out off this Countye, into anye other Countye or beyonde ye Seaes, contrarye to the Law; and that you giue notice and knowledge presentlye vpon receyte heereof vnto euerye Alehousekeeper within your Hundred, that if they shall not within three weekes from ye said first Sessions holden at Norw^ch, beinge the fourth day of this moneth of October bringe their Recognizances or Certificates to that purpose vnder the hands
Page 140. of two Justices of Peace to the Clark of ye Peace of this Countye, that theire Alehouses shalbe suppressed, and that they the sayd Alehouskeepers, or anye Innkeeper shall not take anye beere of any Brewer aboue the price of six shillings and eight pence the Barrell of stronge beere, and fower shillings and sixpence the Barell of small beere, and soe after that proportion for a greater or lesser quantetie, and that if he shall doe soe, ipso facto, to stand suppressed: And alsoe to signifie to ye Churchwardens and ouerseers of the poore of euerye parish within yor Limitt, y^t they doe prouide stocks to sett the poore on worke, and the Constables doe their duties in keepinge the warde, and in punishinge all Rogues, vagabonds, and idle persons accordinge to the Law: And to present all tipplers and drunkards, all vnlicensed Alehouskeepers, and all other abuses and misdemeanns in Inns and Alehouses accordinge to ye Law. And that you make Certificate of all your proceedings heerin, to vs at the next Sessions at Linn, to receyue further directions therin as the Court shall thinke fitt. Dated this 29th of Octo^r, 1631.—Yo^r lovinge ffrends.

5 E. b. cap. 14. A Forestaller, is he that buyeth any thinge cōminge towards any Markett, or perswade to sell dearer or disswades from bringinge to the Markett.

Regrator, is he y^t buyeth in a Merkett, and selleth the same in any Merkett within fower miles thereof.

Engrosser, is he that buies or gathers any Corne &c other then by any demise or lease, to the intent to sell the same againe.

Euerye person conuicted by enditement, or presentment, vpon examination of two witnesses, and at euerye quarter Sessions, shall for the 1st offence be imprisoned two Moneths wthout Bayle, and loose the value of what he bought.

For the 2d offence shalbe punished wth vj moneths imprisonmt, and shall pay double the value bought.

For the 3d offence he shalbe punished with the Pillorye, forfeit all his goods and be imprisoned duringe pleasure.

141. 18, **A letter from the Los of the Priuye Counsell to the Justices of ye Peace in the Countye of Norff.**

After our hartye Comendations,

It is well knowen vnto you what care hath ben taken and orders giuen by his Matie and this Boarde the last yeare for bringinge downe the prices of Corne, by preuentinge the hoardinge vp therof in priuate hands, and causinge the marketts to be furnished, and it is well knowne vnto vs how the sayd orders haue ben disregarded and neglected, and how in steade of conformitye to them advantage hath ben taken thereby to enhaunce the sayd prices vpon a willinge and causless supposall of the scarcetye to be greater then it was: an apparent instance wherof was this day found vpon a proceedinge in the Starr Chamber against one William Archer of South Church in Essex sentenced there for inhaunceinge and hoardinge vp of Corne, the best part of whose defence beinge, That his Barnes or graneries were neuer visited, nor he sent vnto or required by any Justice of the Peace or other to whom it appertayned to bringe his Corne to Markett: As it giues vs iust cause to suspect the frustratinge of the sayd orders, and the ill effects which followed, proceeded in great part from the negligence of the Justices of the Peace in not puttinge them in execution; soe it giues vs occasion now againe to be iealous that the like remissnes is vsed, for yt wee are informed, that (notwithstandinge the plentifull Haruest by Gods good blessinge both in that Countye and in all parts of the kingedome) the prices of Cornes of all sortes of Graine

are in manye parts still kept vp. We haue therfore thought good in his Maties name heerby streightlye to charge and require you, that forthwith diligent inquirie be made, and a strickt examination be taken in your seuerall deuisions aswell what quanteties of Corne of the last yeares store were remayneinge at the end of the sayd yeare, hoarded vpp by anye persons and not brought into the Markett, accordinge to his Maties sayd orders, as alsoe by what combination and indirect practice of the ffarmors, and Corne Masters, or vpon what other cause the prices of Corne wthin that Countye, were the last yeare soe extreamelye raysed, and are still kept vpp byyonde all expectation. And that you certefie vnto vs by the last of Nouember next, the names and places of abidinge of all such persons as shalbe found the greatest and principall offendors therein: We intendinge to direct a like proceedinge against them in the Starr Chamber; and doe withall will and
Page 142. require you to vse all meanes to preuent the like course heereafter, wherby the Marketts may be orderlye furnished and att reasonable prices, wherein as the settinge of prices are cleerelye warrantable by Law, and the practise in former times; soe we shall not forbeare to resort therevnto, if theise willfull combinations and vncharitable courses shall require it. Lastlye we will you to know, that as this Boarde doth expect from you a good account soe in case there shalbe found any fault or neglect on your parts, we shall conceyue of you as the cheife cause both of ye former and of the latter ill effects, and iudge you worthelye to be proceeded agaynst accordingelye. And soe wee bidd you hartelye ffarewell.—Yo^{r} verye louinge ffrends, Tho: Couentrye C.S., Rich: Weston, H. Manchester, Lyndsey, Kellye, Dorcester, Faulkland, Francis Cottington.

From White Hall,
the 18th Oct^{r}, 1631.

Allthough the prohibition of transportation from ye Kinge and this board, haue ben as strict as possible could be, yet because there is a rumor of Secrett transportation, wee doe expect that you diligentlye inquire thereof, and certefie vs what you finde to haue ben done in that kinde out of that Countye.

143. 2, **A letter to the Lords of the Counsell from the Justices of Peace in ye County of Norff, in answere of ye last letter.**

Right Honoble,

Your Honors sent downe letters into Norff dated ye 18th of Octor last, touchinge matters of care, but such was our vnhappines in the principall corne parts of Norff, as that yor letters neuer arriued or came to vs, nor did we vnderstand any thinge of the contents therof, vntill we sawe a Coppye therof at ye last generall Sessions at Norwch the 10th of this January, when we speedelye addressed our cares to giue the best satisfaction both to your Honors Comands and our owne dutyes, that soe late and vnseasonable intelligence might admitt.

And wee presume to returne in answere that we finde noe Corne hoarded vpp of the last years store, but onlye some corne remayninge of the Comon prouision for the poore ye last yeare.

That there passed and were transported out of this Countye the last yeare great quanteties of corne to sundrye other parts of this Realme that wanted and craued releife, and yt the concurrence of the wants of our neybour countries towards vs for supplye, did rayse the prices heere.

We acknowledge the Happines of the last yeares Haruest, but ye Corne proves generally small in kernell, and neyther soe fayre nor merchantable as in other yeares.

That wheate is 18s the Coome, Rye 12s, Barlye 9s, which are litle aboue the Stat prices for transportation, and the prices more heightened, by meanes of the neere exhaustinge of the last yeares store.

That wee can discouer noe Combination or indirect practise vsed by anye to rayse the pryses of Corne, nor any secrett transportation or Caryinge beyonde Seas to haue ben made: And doe verelye beleeue that none was soe transported.—Att your Honors Comande, Roger Towneshend, Hamond Le Strange, John Hare, John Cooke.

January 22th, 1631.

Page 144. Jan. 25, 1631.

To the Earle Marshall.

Right Honoble,

As we haue presumed to address our declaration in the behalfe of the Countye of Norff to the genall Table of his Maties Counsell, soe accordinge to our more spetiall and particular relation to your Honor (to whom his Matie hath comitted the tuition of this County) we are humble sutors to your Lopp, that you will vouchsafe your eare to such remonstrance of the state of the Corne parts in Norff against bringinge of Corne to Marketts, as Sr Henry Spellman is entreated to offer to your Lopp from vs, hopinge yt they will giue such full satisfaction to your greate and graue iudgment, as we shall approue our selues to haue improued his Maties meaninge to the best good of his Subiects, that soe wee and our labour may finde fayre acceptation in yor Loppes opinion and our countrye enioy their wonted vse and liberties to their owne iust aduantage and profitt, and to the certayne cheerefull and readye and easie releife of the poore &c.—Yor &c., Roger Townesend, Hamond Le Strainge, John Hare, John Cooke.

January 25th, 1631.

Page 144. Jan. 25, 1631.

To the Lord Matrauers.

Right Honoble,

When some of vs call to minde and consider wth what noble fauour, you pleased to receyue vs ye last Tearme, what an humble and earnest eare you lent vnto vs, and what graue and gratious freedome of speech flowed from yor self towards vs, when we tendred to yor Lopp the state of ye corne pts in Norff, we finde wherin both to reioyce, and in all humble gratefulnes to recognize the same. The remembrance therof and ye consideration yt yr Lopp is heyer apparant to the Patronage of this Countye hath emboldned vs to present vnto yor Lopp a few papers, settinge forth ye tru state of the corne parts of this Countye, and the reasons prouinge it verye in-

conuenient for these parts of Norff to be inforced to serue the Marketts with corne, All which we desire yor Lord^{pp} will daygne to puse, y^{t} both yor Lo^{pp} may finde wherin to conceyue aright of vs, and y^{t} further (by and through you) my Lo: Marshall may afford our Comon cause better access and approbation &c.—Yo^{r} Honors lowlye Seruants; Roger Townesend, Ham: Le Strange, John Hare, John Cooke.

January 25th, 1631.

145. 14, **A letter to the Lo^{s} of the Counsell.**

Right Ho^{ble},

Vpon consideration of yor Honors letters, bearinge date ye 18th of Octo^{r} last, wee perceyue that your Lo^{pps} are iealous of our carefull execution of the orders published by his Maties Comand ye last yeare touchinge Corne, and y^{t} your Lo^{pps} were the rather moued to putt vs in minde of our duties, by occasion of one Archer sentenced in the hye court of Starr chamber the last Tearme. The instance of wch case together wth yor strict directions in yor Honors letters, and the suspition of our cares and duties ill performed, and our thoughts alsoe cast vpon ye late censure of some of our country men, in the same cause in the Starr chamber haue iustly both awakened and emboldned vs to become sutors to yor Honors to heare vs a few wordes in the Account and excuse of our selues, and ye declaration of ye Comon state and case of our Countrey.

In the last great Dearth 1630, we caused a strict search to be made of ye store of corne in the seuall Hundreds by veiu of sundry able men and vnderstandinge persons of the better sort selected to that end: forthwth after such search we ordered and prouided y^{t} ye Marketts were serued at reasonable prices in ye inland parts wher corne was scarce, and in the maritine (*sic*) parts we directed and procured ye poore of euery towne to be serued at home at easie rates, half the Comon prices; wherin as wee hope it doth appeare we haue performed the intention of the Articles of ye booke of orders, Soe we presume to offer to yor Lo^{pps} the motiues conducinge to that our course as followeth.

In the yeare 1586 (by reason of a great Dearth then hapninge) Queene Eliz: comanded a proclamation and books of orders to be sett forth for the releife of the poore, which orders by their title, Orders deuised &c. may well import or moue to opinion that they were the first published to that end: In obedience to which orders and for ye best and most profitable execution of them (the Justices of Norff then assembled, and among other articles ordered and agreed that euerye towne hauinge suffitient should prouide Corne for their owne poore at home, accordinge to which course then obserued, and manye other presidents vpon like occasions since, after manye tryalls of bringinge Corne to the Markett, wch proued very burthensome and vnprofitable) wee disposed our cares and goument the last yeare, soe as the crye of the poore was neuer heard amonge vs: wch together with manye other waightye reasons of too greate burthen for a letter we haue thought fitt by Sr Henry Spellman Kn^t (a graue person well knowinge the state of our Countrye and well knowen to manye or most of your Lo^pps) to offer to your Considerations, and soe craue your Lo^pps further pleasure and directions.—Att yor Honors Comand, John Hobert, Ro: Townshend, Rich: Berney, Jo: Heuenynghā, Hamond Le Srange, John Hare, Robert Gaudye, Anthony Drurye, John Potts, Tho: Deereham, Owen Smith, Edm: Mondeford, Anthony Hobert, John Cooke.

Januarye 24th, 1631.

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Reasons against generall sendinge of Corne to the Marketts in ye Champion parts of Norff.

1. The Countye of Norff. is an Ileland inclosed on the South side towards Suff. with the riuer of Waueney runninge to Yarmouth, and the lesser Owse passinge by Lynn, on the North side with the mayne Sea; and aboundeth by these meanes with Hauens and Hithes places of Exportation and importation.

2. That part of it towards the Sea, and much of the rest westward is Champion, the other part towards Suff. woodland and pasture ground.

3. The woodland and pasture part is sustayned cheefelye by graseinge, by Dayries and rearinge of Cattell, yett it is able both to maintayne it self with Corne and to afforde an ouerplus to their neyboures of Suff.

4. But the inhabitants of that part beinge manye of them Grasiers, and a great manye handicrafts men, which liue by dressinge and combinge of wool, cardinge, spinninge and weauinge &c., And the townes there comonlye very great consistinge of such like people, and other artificers, with manye poore, and none of them all ordinarilye hauinge any corne but from the Merkett, it is of necessitye that the Marketts ther be furnished with Corne to supplye them, and the Tilth M^rs doe it diligentlye, as hauinge noe other ordinarye meanes of ventinge their corne, the outlades beinge farr from them, and their quanteties of Corne soe small, as the marchant neuer seeks vnto them for it.

5. The Champion part is of another nature consistinge wholy in effect of Corne and sheepe, wch by perticular course of husbandry there vsed, doe maynetayne each other, and this part thereby affordeth such plentye of Corne as euerye towne is able generallye to feede it self and diuers others.

6. For there is comonlye about 12, 16, or 20 plowes in one towne and by estimation about 2000, 3000, and 5000 Coomes of Corne growinge euery yeare in one of them, and the corne of manye seuerall men in one yeare is much more then the Marketts adioyninge can carrye away in one whole yeare.

7. The inhabitants of the Townes in these parts are generallye but of three sorts. 1. Tilth M^rs, that haue corne of their owne growinge and sell to others. 2. Laborers, that buy it at an vnder price of them with whom they worke. 3. Poore people that are releiued by good orders in euerye towne.

8. If the laborer and poore man should be drawne to Markett, it would be the loss of his dayes worke, an occasion of

spendinge somewhat y^{t} that his wife and children should want at least 12^{d} a week loss to him, for beinge poore he can take but litle at once, and must goe the oftener and a meanes to season him with drinkinge disorder and ydleness, wch vices are allreadye too comon and vnsuppressable, and where he
Page 147. hath now Corne at home vpon trust, or by agreement for worke, he must then carye readye monye in hand, which he comonlye wants and pay dearer for it, then he might haue had it at home.

9. On the other side, If the owner or Tilth M^{r} be compelled to bringe any notable quantetye of Corne to the Marketts of this part, he is like to finde noe buyer, and soe looseth the labour of himself, his horses and carte, and his seruants and the opportunitye of his tillage and husbandrye at home, he is in hazard to pay deare for a place to chamber it, till the next Markett day, then he bringes it forth as vnprofitably, and in all likelyhood many dayes after, not without a continuall attendance for sellinge it, and some or other expence, all which in reason must rayse the price.

10. Nor are there Granaries in anye Markett saue Lynn and Burnham, suffitient to keepe ye Corne y^{t} shalbe brought and vnsould.

11. If there be any buyers they are comonlye but such as dwell in the Markett towne, shoppkeepers, poore handycrafts men, and poore people y^{t} scareselye carry away fower Coomes in a Markett day: for ye Bakers of the towne rather chuse to buy their prouision aforehand in ye villages, as they haue credite for payment.

12. The Maulsters dwell for the most part in the villages, and buy theire Corne of their neybours about them, sauinge therby the charge of caryinge it to and from the Markett, which is at a midle rate esteemed, about 12^{d} the Coome, and may therfore afforde the Mault soe much the cheaper.

13. If therefore the Markett by likelyhood cannot vtter one mans corne all the rest of that part shall want meanes of vtterance, and though some small sums of mony were to be had at the Markett, yet would it vndoe the husbandman

and farmor, who cannot attende to make his markett by delay and retaylinge, but must sell soe in gross, as he may haue his rent against the day, or forfeite his lease, and other greater Sum̃s for his continuall occasions. And soe alsoe must the owners themselues.

14. If Corne be brought to Markett, (former experience hath alreadye soe satisfyed vs,) that it cannot almost be preuented but deceyte may be com̃itted in the buyinge therof by some that neede not, or others that neede and buy for others, wheras euerye towne knowes their owne poore and their wants.

15. These and other inconueniences beinge longe agoe foreseene, it hath ben the custome of these parts for manye hundreds of yeares past, to vtter their Corne at the Hauens, Hithes and landinge places vpon the Sea and Riuers sides, as the proper Markett there; and this Custome is to this day testified, by another notorious Custome of this Countrye.

fo 148. 16. That because the ventinge of the Corne is by Sea and water cariage, wherby it suffers hurt and diminution; therfore accordinge to the censure of St Gregorye Epist. lib. 1, cap. 42. Nantæ iuxta consuetudinem super accipiunt quod minui ipsi in nauibus attestantur. The seller is tyed to deliu^9^ 21 Coome for ye 20 Coome and vj Coomes for euery six score to recompence the hurt and deminution.

17. If corne be sould at the Markett the Custome houldeth not for there is noe detriment by the cariage or deliuerye thereof.

18. It were verye inconuenient that they which dwell within fower or fiue miles of the Sea side, and haue vsed to deliu^9^ theire Corne there, should be constrayned to conuay it vj, 7, or 8 miles to a Markett vp into the Country, when perhaps the buyer must haue it brought ten or 12 miles back to ye Coast to be transmitted to some other part of the kingdome that needs it.

19. It is in a manner impossible that the Markett towne in ye Champiō part should carye away the Corne there growinge, for there are about 200 Townes in that part and scarce a

dozen Marketts, wherof manye of them are not able (as is sayd before) to carye away ye Corne that some one man in most of those townes may spare; many Corne M^rs and of great tilths hauinge of their owne growinge some 500, some 600, some 800, some 1000, some 1200, some more.

20. To constrayne the Tilthmen of the Champion to carrye theire Corne to the Marketts of the woodland parts were verye greiuous, their horses beinge ordinarylye verye weake (for y^t theire tilth is easie) the distance greate and the wayes com̄onlye badd: Besides it makes a breach and distraction into the pollicye of form̄ times, y^t appointed eu^ʔye Hundred a Markett to supplye it with com̄on necessaries.

21. If they of the woodland will (as the Patriarks did) fetch it constantly where it is to be had at the Markett of the Champion; it will noe doubt be brought thether abundantlye; but they shall find the cariage of it soe chargeable from thence (if the quantetye be much) as y^t they will rather fetch it 40 or 50 miles by water, then 12 or 15 by land.

22. Those parts of the Coast of Norff. hauinge diu^ʔs ports and Hauens vse much trade and com̄erce wth New Castle for Salt and Coales both sum̄ and winter and sayle about 60 or 70 Shipps yearelye to Iseland, and prouide their Salt from Newcastle for y^t voyage, and vsuallye carrye great quantities of barly and Mault to Newcastle about 500 Coome eu^ʔye springetide, viz: eu^ʔy fortnight, and should loose much by saylinge emptye and without fraught. And if y^t transportinge to Newcastle were hindred, both ye duties and Customes to his Matie would deminish, by disablinge ye fishing voyage to Iseland, and ye County alsoe receyue much preiudice for want of wonted supplye of Salt and Coales, and the kingdome suffer in the decrease of Shippinge and Marriners.

Page 149. 23. If the Marketts of the Cittye of Norw^ch, or of some of ye wood land parts haue at any time ben vnfurnished (towards whome the Hundreds of Flegg afford verye greate supply, seated betwixt Yarmouth and Norw^ch) the magistrates and Justices there might send their Badgers, (as out of Essex, Suff., Northamptonsheire, the Ile of Elye, Cambridge and

Peterborough, manye come into these parts in a time of Dearth) to the principall corne Mrs of the Champion, or as the Cittye of London doe their factors to ye Coasts, then eu?ye mans barne and granarye would vpon ye sound therof be open, and the cariage thence by Sea is neyther farr nor vneasie; Besides in former times when ye parts about Norwch and others haue complayned of their want of corne, and would sue for a stopp and stay of corne in ye plentifull parts from exportation to other parts within the kingdome, the Justices haue accordingly (to ye charge of others that came to buy, and loss of their time and trauile) stayed and restrayned the passinge away of corne for a fortnight or more and yett in the end neuer receyued any answere or heard any more from the parts pretendinge want.

24. About 12 years since there was about 30000li by estimation of outlandish gold brought ou? and taken for Corne transported that winter, betwixt Lynn and Wells, inclusiuelye, when corne was within the price limited by the Stat. and yet ye Countrye and kingedome suffitientlye serued, and if that had ben caried to Marketts therabouts the hundred part therof would not haue ben sould, and the rest in likelyhood much impayred.

25. It appeareth by the Black booke of the Exchequ that the King's tennants (as other men's did) auntientlye payed their rents in Corne and victualls, till H. i. (hauinge occasion to vse a greate Sum̄ of monye for his warrs in France), constrayned them to render it in monye, which at yt time was soe greeuous vnto them (not knowinge how to gett it for theire Corne (as they brought their plough shares to the Court and there did offer them vpp, complayneinge that the course of tillage was ou?throwne; it is to be doubted that now the alteration of the manner of sale of ye corne may cause much of the arable grounde in those parts to be conuerted to pasture for sheepe or other cattell: (for ye Countye of Norff. is excepted out of the Stat. 39 Eliz: and soe doubtless would it haue ben from caryinge much corne to the Markett of the Champion part, if there had ben a statute touchinge that matter.

26. Moreouer it is conceyued there is noe statute to enforce ye Tilth M^rs to bringe there corne to the Marketts, more then the Sheep M^rs there wooll, Muttons and Lambs, or the Grasier his oxen and bullocks, or those y^t keepe dayries their butter and cheese. And although there was a booke of orders sett forth by Queene Eliz: 2^d of January, 1586, Comandinge generallye that corne should be brought to Markett, yett because
Page 150. the cheifest scope therof appeared to be but prouision for the Poore, the Just. of Peace of this countye of Norff assembled themselues and tooke such course that (accordinge to hir Maties pleasure) the poore were prouided for at home, without such generall caryinge of Corne to the Markett (as appeareth by the Articles then agreed vpon) and that course was neuer questioned nor reprooued: for it appeares by Fogusses Case in Plodens Coment, fol. 88 b, That if a man performe the intent of the Law, though he follow not the words, yett the Law is satisfied.

27. Notwithstandinge therfore these generall orders, this particular part of the kingdome, neu^r changed their auntient vse in this behalf: nor is it knowne that anye Markett towne euer complayned to any Justices of these parts of beinge vnserued wth Corne.

28. Soe that all things prudentlye considered, and ye practises of fraudelent and leaud persons dulye punished or preuented; the auntient way that hath ben in vse to this day for eu^ry man to sell his corne and deliu^r it at ye places most conuenient for him, is soe necessarye both for this part of the Countrye and of ye kingdome it self, as it cannot be altered without great inconueniencye.

29. For the alteration may bringe a great extremitye vpon the Maritine parts of Linconsheire, Yorksheire and towards the North, and vpon the Fenn-land-parts, which haue much (if not most) of their Corne from the coasts of Norff, as the breast y^t nourisheth them, and soe alsoe the woodland part of Suff. borderinge vpon Norff. nor will the Cittye of London be pleased to seeke and take their prouisions at the Markett townes in the Champion.

30. In the yeare 1622, beinge a time of greate scarcetye, the Justices assayed and tryed (by the causinge of corne to be brought to ye Marketts) how profitable and good effect it would produce, but they haue founde that course too toylesome to the Corne M^r, and fruitless to ye poore, as they wholye abandoned the Same, and appointed eu^ryye towne to prouide for it selfe at home.

31. Soe in the last Dearth 1630, the Justices appointed some Marketts, (seated betwixt the grasinge and corne parts) to be serued, but the Corne M^rs could not there sell, but were inforced to hyre roome and Chamberinge for their Corne to their great charge, and after to recarrye the same to their owne howses by the appointment of ye Justices, who then considered, concluded, and ordered, that euerye towne should prouide for it self and their owne poore at home.

32. And in the sayd Dearth, 1630, the Lord Mayor of London appointed euerye ward to prouide for it self, and their owne poore, soe those that wanted were furnished from
p 151. the Markett, att others cares. In Norff. where Corne aboundes, the inhabitants of the better and abler sort, prouide in a Dearth for the Poore in the Markett of y^er owne Towne. Thus the course of the gouerment of the cheife Cittye of the kingedome, and of the Justices of this Countye agree in one and the same good for the poore.

33. All that hath ben sayd, beinge dulye considered, it is humbly prayed that the Corne parts of Norff. may be left to their wonted vse and liberties for sellinge of their Corne: and in time of Scarcetye and Dearth the Justices there will not fayle to prouide Corne for ye Poore at home in their owne Towne, and therby not only preuent their insurrection or affamishment, but supplye them wth Corne at a verye easie and vnder-rate.

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A Coppye of a letter from the Lords of the Counsell.

After our verye hartye Comendations to yor good Lo^ps, His Matie hauinge ben latelye pleased to rectefie and reforme y^e

march of this our nation, corrupted by time of negligence of Drum̄ers, and for ye Honor of this kingdome to restore it to the auntient grauitye therof, by ordayninge an establishm^t of one certayne constant measure to be heerafter obserued and beaten by all english Drum̄ers, as well in these his Maties dominions, as abroad in ye seruice of forraigne Princes, his Maties frends and alies: wch sayd establishm^t signed by his Matie and in his presence subscribed by our very good Lo: the Earl Marshall of England, it remayneth vpon recorde for a precident to future times. Wee haue thervpon thought fitt and ordered that a Duplicate or true Coppye of this establishment be fayrelye engrost and deliu^9d to yor Lo^pp by Edward Norgate Esqr clark of the Signett to his Maties Excheq^r: who is Com̄anded to attende this seruice, and the deliu^9y of them at ye Signet office at White Hall, to the end that beinge imparted by yor Lo^pp to the Dep: Leiut. and by them to the Collonells, Captaynes and officers of ye seu^9all regiments and deuisions of that Countye vnder your Com̄and the same may be dulye obserued in all Musters or Millitarye exercises of ye trayned Bands, accordinge to the effect of his Maties pleasure signified in the originall. Soe we bidd yor Lo^pps verye hartely farewell. From the Court at White Hall, the last day of Decem^r, 1632.—Signed, Bish^p of Yorke, Lo: Pr: Seale, Earle of Morton, Lo: Chamberlaine, Earle of Kellye, Lo: Cottington, Sr Tho: Edmunds, Secretarye Cooke, Secr: Windebanke.

To our verye good Lords Thomas earle of Arrundell and Surrye, Earle Marshall of England, and to Henrye Lo: Matrauers, Lo: Leiutenant of the Countye of Norff.

152. 15, **A Coppye of the Lo: Leiut letter to the Dep: Leiut of Norff. and cittye of Norwch.**

Afer our hartye Comendations vnto you, Wee haue sent you heerwith a Duplicate of his Maties establishmt touchinge the March to be vsed by the english nation, and a tru Coppye of a letter from the Los of his Maties most hoble Counsell, thervpon we require you to take care that the points therin mentioned and directed be effectuallye performed for the well keepinge of ye said establishmt, it beinge hanged vpon some table in a publick and safe place for posteritye, and for the vse therof vpon all occasions. Your endeauours ought to be extraordinarye heerin in regarde of his Maties princelye care and the creditt of our nation: ye better to testefie your acceptation and affection, it wilbe fitt yt a competent reward be sent to the gent for the same, whose labor in preparinge, accomplishinge and attendinge this seruice by Comande is estimated worthy of fower or fiue pounds, of which we desire you to be speedelye carefull. Soe we rest Yor verye louinge ffrends, Arrundell and Surrey, Hen: Matrauers.

Arrundell house,
15 of March, 1632.

152. 31, **A Coppye of a letter from the Lords of the Counsell to the Justices of Peace for ye County of Norff.**

After our harty Comendations, wheras of late times great damage and inconuenience haue risen to this kingedome by ye excessiue number of Maulsters now growne throughout the Realme, by meanes wherof much wast and consumption of graine hath ben occasioned, Alehowses (the springe of much euell) greatelye increased, scarcetye of bread corne hath hapned, the husbandman choosinge rather to sow barlye then wheate, or Rye by reason of his readier vent therof, besides sundry abuses are found to be practised by Maulsters, as well by buyinge barlye on the ground before it be reaped, wherby

the Marketts are forestalled and vnserued, as by Maultinge it at vnseasonable times of ye yeare, wherby it becometh vnwholsome and deceytfull in the vse; which abuses hauing at seu^ꝰall times ben ꝑsented to his Matie and this Board, and y^e ꝑsent times requiringe a reformation, by a more due execution of the Lawes in that behalf. We therfore by his Maties spetiall direction, doe require you or any two of you in yor seu^ꝰall deuisions to send vs a tru particular of ye names of all ye Maulsters w^thin y^t Countye, and what number you shall think fitt to be allowed, whervpon his Matie is resolued to take such further course for ye reformation of ye abuses as shalbe meete. Soe we bidd you hartely farewell.—Your louinge ffrends, W. Cant, Tho: Couentry C.S., Bridgwater, Wimbledon, Dorsett, Cottington, Manchester, H. Vane, J. Cooke, Windebank.

White Hall,
the last of March, 1635.

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A letter from the Earle Marshall of England to Sr John Hare knight, one of ye Deputy Leiut of Norff.

After my hartye Com̄endations vnto you, I vnderstande of a late difference betweene Mr Robert Garsett and Mr Bendish yor neybour, of which I desire you to take notice and care y^t it grow not to ill euents; to which end I pray and authorise you to send im̄ediatelye for them both, and hearinge the whole busines betweene them, to sett a frendlye end to the sayd difference; Wherin I desire you to deale effectuallye; which if you shall not compose, I then would haue you certefie me the whole matter, and what other circumstances you shall thinke fitt, that thervpon I may take such order as the case and iustice shall require.—Soe I rest Yo^r verye affectionate ffrend, Arrundell and Surrey.

White Hall,
the last of Apr: 1633.

Further I require you if there be occasion to Com̄and them vpon their Allegiance vnto his Matie not to doe any thinge each against other, in a way breakinge his Maties Peace.

153. **A letter from Sr John Hare knight to the rest of ye Just of Peace within their seu9all limitts and deuisions for the execution of ye form̃ letter from ye Los of ye Counsell.**

My Noble Frends,

I receyued the 16th of this Moneth by one of his Maties Messengers a letter from the Lords and others of his Maties priuy Counsell directed to the Justices of Peace of Norff or to anye of them: the tru coppye whereof I heere-inclosed send you; I desire it may be certaynelye convayed from the one to the other, within their seu9all limitts: And thus not doubtinge but you will make certificate accordinglye, I euer rest Yor louinge ffrend to serue you, John Hare.

To Sr Miles Hobert for Norwch deuision.
To Sr Hamond Le Strange for Fakenham.

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A Certificate of all the Maulsters within the Hundreds of Clackclose, Freebridge Lynn, and Freebridge Mershland, taken the 25 of May, 1635, at Setchye before Sr Thomas Dereham and Sr John Hare knts and Fran: Parlett esq.

In obedience to your Lops Honoble letters directed to vs and other Just of Peace in the Countye of Norff: We humbly certefie your Lops that wthin our deuision of the Hundreds of Clackclose, Freebridge Lynn and Freebridg Marshland, we haue applyed orselues to send yor Lops a true particular of ye names and qualities of all the Maulsters wthin these Hundreds, and what number we thinke fitt to be allowed; and we finde by the returne of the Cheif Constables of the sayd Hundred of Freebridge Marshland that there is not one Maulster or Maulthouse in yt Hundred. But we find by ye returne of ye Cheife and Petty Constables of ye other two Hunds these seuerall Maulsters heerevnder named.

THE HUNDRED OF CLACKCLOSE.

Townes.	Persons.	Combs yearly.		
Vpwell ..	None	0	0	0
Outwell ..	None	0	0	0
Denuer ..	None	0	0	0
Downham ..	Rich: Shingfeild..	400	0	0
	John Bland ..	100	0	0
Fordham ..	None	0	0	0
Helgay ..	John Goddard ..	360	0	0
	Francis Dye .	300	0	0
	W: Bradbury ..	100	0	0
	W: Tufts	0	0	0
Sothery ..	None	0	0	0
Wimbotshā	Roger Pratt, esq.	400	0	0
Stow Bardolf	None	0	0	0
Bexwell ..	None	0	0	0
Runghton cū Holme	None	0	0	0
Watlington	None	0	0	0
Tottenhill ..	Rich: Howlett ..	40	0	0
Wormgay ..	None	0	0	0
Shouldam Thorpe	Anth: Morris ..	40	0	0
Shouldham..	Tho: French ..	60	0	0
	Roger Irish ..	60	0	0
Stoke ..	Mart: Moundeford	600	0	0
	John Wright ..	400	0	0
	Hen: Courtis ..	400	0	0
	John Cowell ..	400	0	0
Boughton cum Wretton	Jo: Inglebright ..	0	0	0
	George Wright ..	400	0	0
Marham ..	Robert Blunt ..	60	0	0
	Tho: Vincent ..	40	0	0
	Will: Rix.. ..	20	0	0
	Will: Parlett ..	20	0	0
	Mathew Smith ..	20	0	0
	Valentine Cosin ..	20	0	0
	Edm: Thurlow ..	60	0	0
	Edm: Morris ..	60	0	0
	Joseph Holton ..	100	0	0
	Christo: Newby ..	40	0	0
	John Skinner .	80	0	0
	Edm: Thorowgood	100	0	0

Townes.	Persons.	Combs yearely.		
Fincham ..	Tho: Drury, gent:	400	0	
	Tho: Scott.. ..	100	0	
	John Cooper ..	100	0	
	Thomas Fenn ..	200	0	
	James Figg ..	800	0	
	Peter Parlett ..	60	0	
	Jo: Bromwell ..	100	0	
	White Winter ..	60	0	
	Ann Parlett, wid:..	60	0	
	Tho: Nichols ..	60	0	
	Rich: Cobb ..	40	0	
	William Preist ..	100	0	
	Hen: Complinge ..	60	0	
	Thomas Cobb ..	60	0	
Barton Bendish	Henry Munke ..	60	0	
	Robert Minick[8] ..	40	0	
	Widdow Kempe ..	40	0	
	Jeremy Jones ..	40	0	
	Tho: Kempe ..	30	0	
	Robert Goodrich ..	30	0	
	Thomas Coney ..	30	0	
	Tho: Stonham ..	40	0	
	John Bishop ..	50	0	
Crimplesham	Tho: Tiffen ..	100	0	
West Dereham cum Roxham	Edw: Bramtō, gē..	200	0	0
	John Louelll, gent:	200	0	0
Stradsett ..	Will: Stilton ..	220	0	0
	Tho: Parlett ..	100	0	0
Bechamwell cum Shingham	Robert Hawes ..	20	0	0
	Will: Haruy ..	20	0	0
	John Athow, esq. or Will: Scott	60	0	0
	Tho: Haruy ..	10	0	0
	John Haruy ..	10	0	0

[8] Probably a transcriber's error for Munck.

THE HUNDRED OF FREEBRIDG LYNN.

'ownes.	Persons.	Combes yearely.		
	Sr Tho: Huggin ..	500	0	0
	Hen: Beck, gent:	300	0	0
	Amy Thorrold ..	260	0	0
leacre ..	John Pitts ..	300	0	0
	Phillip Lambert ..	260	0	0
	George Gay ..	260	0	0
	Tho: Clark ..	160	0	0
	Robert Wiggett ..	100	0	0
	Simon Wainford ..	60	0	0
st acre ..	Edm: Wainford ..	60	0	0
	John Lauton ..	60	0	0
	Edw: Barkham gent:	100	0	0
it Walton	Tho: Borninge ..	30	0	0
	John Platfoote ..	40	0	0
	William Finn ..	0	0	0
yton	John Platfoote ..	0	0	0
Thorpe	Richard Greene ..	0	0	0
st Winch	Robert Audley ..	100	0	0
	Edw: Beckham ..	100	0	0
dleton ..	Thomas Whale ..	20	0	0
rth Lunghtō ū Setchye	None	0	0	0
est Winch	None	0	0	0
ywood ..	Marma: Browne or Ro: Aldham	100	0	0
uth Wotten	None	0	0	0
orth Wotten	None	0	0	0
	Jeffry Pallett ..	20	0	0
ndringham	W: Wyborough ..	16	0	0
	Will: Laycock ..	0	0	0
	Robert Pointer ..	60	0	0
'est Newton	John Blomfeild .	20	0	0
	Rob: Dalamere ..	100	0	0
eyton ..	Mr Cobbs	200	0	0
	Mr Lowberye ..	100	0	0
	Henry Mordant ..	200	0	0
ongham ..	Thomas Wiles ..	100	0	0
	Jeffry Cheese ..	0	0	0

Townes.	Persons.	Combes yearely.		
	John Armestead ..	300	0	0
	Isack Allen ..	300	0	0
Grimston ..	John Smith ..	200	0	0
	Nich: Willis ..	200	0	0
	Widd: Crane ..	100	0	0
	Edm: Goodman ..	40	0	0
	Edmund Dorr ..	40	0	0
	John Gymer ..	20	0	0
	Rich: Neuett ..	20	0	0
	John Haughton ..	20	0	0
Dassingham	Tho: Waters ..	20	0	0
	Will: Pell, esq. ..	0	0	0
	Valent: Pell, esq...	0	0	0
	John Pell, gent: ..	0	0	0
	Rich: Witeman ..	0	0	0
	Tho: Elgar ..	0	0	0
Flicham alias Apleton	Nich: Ward ..	40	0	0
Amner ..	Tho: Dusgate ..	30	0	0
	Christo: Laurence	60	0	0
Harpley ..	Edm: Dethick ..	100	0	0
	George Goggs ..	50	0	0
Hillingeton	Osbert Steed ..	100	0	0
	Tho: Norris ..	60	0	0
Wooluerton and Babinglye	None	0	0	0
	Fermā Neaue, gen:	100	0	0
Pentney ..	Tho: Houell, gent:	20	0	0
	Jo: Narborough ..	40	0	0
Great Massinghā litle Massingham	None	0	0	0
CastleRisinge	Rich: Clements ..	100	0	0
	Will: Smith ..	0	0	0
Mintlyn, Bauley & Bilney	None	0	0	0

These Maulsters and eu^r^ye of them are certefyed to vs to be of honest and suffitient qualitye to exercise the trade of Maultinge, in such manner as they now exercise the same. And for those that are with Blanks, the Const. returne their maulthowses are not vsed, and diuers that are heere returned mault onlye their owne Corne for their housholde expence. Notwithstandinge which and that their Maultinge offices be verye small, yett we thought it our duties to Certefie accordingly. All which we humbly Certefie and doe submitt to your Lo^pps^ better iudgment. Sechey, the 26 of May, 1635.

Page 156. April 30, 1635.

A letter from the Lo^s^ Leiutenants, to the Deputye Leiut^s^ of ye County of Norff.

After our hartye Comendations, We heerew^th^ send you a true Coppye of the letters we haue receyued from the Lords of ye Counsell for Musters, to be held this Sum^r^ throughout Norff. accordinge to wch we earnestlye require you to see the same exactlye and dulye performed, to testefye your dutyes to his Matie, yor obedience to their Lo^pps^, and yor affections to your Country: In takinge an account wherof wee shalbe zealous that noe offendor shall hope to escape vnpunished: Wherfore wee doe againe desire you to be verye strickt in your Certificate, which we expect. Soe we rest Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrends, Arrundell and Surrey, H. Matrauers.

Arundell house,
the last of Aprill, 1635.

Page 156. April 27, 1635.

A letter from the Lo^s^ of ye Counsell to the Earle of Arrundell and Surrey.

After our very hartye Comendations to yor Lo^pp^: The daylye aduertisem^ts^ from parts abroad of great preparations both by sea and land of the neyghbouringe princes and states, as it is in it self of great consideration, soe it causeth vs by Comand from his Matie (who keeps a perpetuall watch ou^r^ the safetye

of his people and kingdom) heerby to certefie to your Lo^{pp} that besides ye fleet now in readines to putt to Sea, it is found expedient to make all due preparations to secure ye Realme in all parts; to wch end, howeuer our vsuall and iterated directions of late years were soe full and exact for ye well arminge and disciplyninge of the trayned bands of this kingdome, as might make his Matie confident both of the suffitiencye of ye Armes and men, and of their skill and readines to vse them. Neuertheless it is his Maties express pleasure, y^{t} instantlye vpon the receyt heerof, you cause an exact veiu and Muster to be taken of all the Armes and trayned forces wthin y^{t} Countye both horse and foote, and see that ye sayd Armes be compleat, accordinge to ye moderne fashion; and y^{t} the conniuance and remissnes of late yeares shewed heerin by yor Dep: Leiut^{s} wherewth his Matie is hyghlye displeased, be by y^{r} Lo^{p} sharplye reproued, and a more seuere and strickt account be taken of them by yor Lo^{pp} de futuro, and returned vp to this Board, together with the Muster Rolls after eu$^{\text{?}}$ye Muster soe soone as may be. And that by y^{e} Muster M^{rs}, and their fitt and experienced officers, you cause all y^{e} trayned Souldiers to be perfectlye instructed in the exercise of their Armes, and take order y^{t} the Comanders and officers apply themselues to know and be able to performe the duties of their seuerall charges: that you take spetiall care, that both Comanders, officers and Souldiers, be not only able and suffitient men, but alsoe well affected in Religion, and y^{t} all of them take the Oth of Supremacy and allegiance. That noe Souldier enrolled remoue his dwellinge out of ye towne or parish of his aboade, wthout licence obtayned from the Deputye Leiut^{s} of that deuision, to ye end in case he shalbe
age 157. licenced to departe, that then the Companye may be agayne made vp and kept compleate both for number and persons of actiue and able bodyes, and men practised in their Armes. That you take order y^{t} all ye trayned bands be soe in readines to repayre to their colours and place of Rendez-vous, wth thire armes and prouisions vpon an howers warninge: and that all ye able men vntrayned from Sixteene to Threescore be

inrolled, that vpon any suddayne occasion such leuies may be made of them as shalbe required. That your Lo^{pp} endeauour to encrease the number of ye trayned Bands, espetially ye Horse, wch you must take care to see compleatlye furnished and exercised; and alsoe y^{t} you deale seariouslye wth the best sort of men to prouide themselues of Armes, for their particular vse, to the end y^{t} wth those and such other Armes and weapons as shalbe found wthin y^{t} Countye, as many of the vntrayned men as is possible may be furnished, exercised and reduced into Bands vnder Captaynes and leaders, as there shalbe occasion. Conserninge ye Armes to be found by ye Clergie, it is intended that they shalbe charged (as is formlye ordered by ye Board) accordinge to such directions as hath ben or shalbe giuen heerafter by ye Lo: Arch Bish^{p} of Cant. to ye Bishopp of y^{t} Diocess, who is to send a list therof to yor Lo^{p} or to yor Dep: Leiut^{s}: accordinge to wch List they are to shew their Armes, and to be Mustred wth ye rest of ye Trayned Bands; and y^{t} such of them as shalbe founde defectiue in the Armes charged vpon them by ye sayd list, be proceeded with in like manner as other defaulters are. Concerninge ye Armes of Recusants wch haue ben or shalbe taken from them, and be sequestred into other hands; It is entended y^{t} ye same should be repayred and kept fitt for vse at ye charge of the owners, and y^{t} noe Recusant be exempted from shewinge at eu^{9}ye Muster such Armes both horse and foote as is chargeable vpon them: but y^{t} ye persons who are to weare their Armes be chosen and appointed by yor Dep: Leiut^{s} at the charge likewise of ye sayd recusants; and y^{t} after eu^{9}ye Muster ye sayd Armes be deliuered back and kept in sequestration as before. That yor Lo^{pp} take care that ye seu^{9}all proportions of Powder, Match and leade be forthwth prouided and put in Magazine for ye vse of ye sayd Countye vpon all occasions of seruice, accordinge to ye directions of our form^{l} letters of the 10th of July, 1626. And y^{t} you see the Beacons forthwth made vp and repayred, wth prouision of wood to be layd by, for maynetayneinge and renewinge them, and to cause them to be diligently watched by discreet and

suffitient men. That you appointe an honest and discreet person to be Prouost Marshall in y^t^ Countye for the apprehendinge and punishinge of such vagrant persons, as liue not in anye lawfull callinge or vocation, and in time of troble, may eyther by tales or false rumors distract the peoples mindes, or by way of fact comitt insolencies and outrages: And to ye end y^t^ wee may be dulye and speedelye informed of all things y^t^ may concerne the defence of ye kingdome, and applye fitt remedies where any defects shalbe found; We doe pray and require yor Lo^pp^ to giue vs an exact account of ye state of ye forces of that Countye, and of ye performance of these our directions, by ye 10th of June next, to the end his Matie may be enformed therof; heerof we pray yor Lo^pp^ not to fayle as you tender his Maties seruice. And soe we bidd yor Lo^pp^ very hartely farewell.—Yo^r^ Lo^pps^ very louinge ffrends, W. Cant, Tho: Couentry C.S., R. Ebor, Fran: Windebanke, H. Manchester, Fran: Cottington, Tho: Jermin, H. Vane, Jo: Coke.

From White Hall,
the 27th of Aprill, 1635.

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Charles Rex.—Trustye and welbeloued we greet you well: Wheras by diu^r^s of our lawes and statutes made by the auntient practise of this kingdome all recognizances taken before any Justices of ye Peace, w^th^in ye seu^r^all Counties of this our Realme for ye preseruation of our peace, the good behauiour of vnrulye persons and such like ought to be certefied at ye next gen^r^all Assizes or qter Sessions of ye Peace to be holden for the Countye where the same were taken, to ye end they may be ther publiquelye called vpon, and ye parties appearinge receyue condigne punishm^t^, accordinge to ye nature of their seu^r^all facts to ye terrifyinge of others from comittinge ye like offences: And y^t^ as well ye forfaytures contayned in such Recognizances, as all issues lost by Jurors, and all other fines, issues, and am|cem^ts^, sett, lost, or forfayted eyther before any of our Justices of Assize, or Justices of Peace, are and ought to be estreated into our Exchequ^r^ and leauied to our

vse, ye same beinge agreable to Justice, and tendinge greatlye to y^e^ ꝑseruation of ye Peace of our louinge Subiects: Howbeit we are credably giuen to vnderstande, y^t^ notwithstandinge ye strickt lawes and ordinances aforesayd, diu^ꝰ^s Just: of ye Peace w^th^in some of ye Counties of yor Circutes, doe vse ordinarilye to release such Recoḡ: before ye Assises, and genall Sessions vpon ye agreem^t^ of ye parties, when most comonlye ye Recoḡ are forfayted before, or vpon some other priuate respects of their owne, and certefie ye same soe released, and most comonlye wth verye poore suerties, discharginge ye parties bond from their appearance thervpon. And likewise y^t^ some Just. keepe back such Recoḡ from ye Assize and Sessions vncertefied vpon like respects. And y^t^ some Clarks of Assizes and Clarkes of ye Peace discharge diu^ꝰ^s recogniz:, issues of Jurors, and other fines, issues, and amerciam^ts^, sett, lost, and forfeyted at ye Assizes and Sessions vpon sundry persons, wch by our lawes and Stat. ought to be estreated into o^r^ Court of Exchequ^r^, by their true names and places of habitation, ꝑtendinge they haue some direction for their soe doinge, frō some of our Judges and Justices of Assize at ye Assizes, or from some of our Just. of ye Peace at their qter Sessions; wheras in truth such fines, issues, and amercim^ts^, and other forfaytures, ought in noe sort to be released, but to be left to our mercye and grace, and to be certefied into our Exchequ^r^ where we haue giuen power to our Treasurer, Chancell^r^ and Barons by our letters of priuye Seale to mittigate ye rigor therof vpon iust cause appearinge vnto them. All wch we hauinge taken into our Princely consideration, and findinge how much these abuses doe trench vpon ye Justice of our kingdome, and tend to ye deminution of our Justice and due rights, haue resolued to admonish all Just., Clerks of Assize, and Clerks of ye Peace of ye premises: and doe therfore heereby charge and comand you our Judges, y^t^ at yor seu^ꝰ^all Assizes within yor Circuit, you cause these our letters to be publiq^r^ read, lettinge them know o^r^ great dislike of such their proceedings; and y^t^ it is our express pleasure y^t^ our sayd Just. be more carefull in takinge good suerties vpon Recogn̄: and y^t^ neyther

they, nor ye Clarks of Assize, or of ye Peace doe p̄sume to retayne the sayd Recogn̄: or any fines, issues or amerciam^ts vncertefied, or to discharge any persons or debts wch ought to be estreated into o^r Excheq̧ for any respect or cause whatsoeu^9, vpon payne of our High displeasure, and to be proceeded against in our Court of Starr Chamber, and otherwise accordinge to ye nature of such offences. Giuen vnder our Signett at o^r pallace of Westm: 6^t of July, ye eleuenth yeare of our Raigne.

To our trusty and welbeloued Sr John Bramston Kn^t: Ch: Just. of ye K. bench, and Sr George Crook Kn^t one of ye Just. of ye sayd bench, Justices of Assize for our Counties of Bedford, Huntington, Cambridge, Norff. and Suff.

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Orders for the gen̄all vniformitye of all sorts of Armes both for Horse and foote and for the perfectinge of Musters, and for ye exercise of Horse accordinge to ye discipline vsed at this day, aduised on by the Counsell of Warre.

Horsemen.

A Curasier is to be mounted on a stronge horse or geldinge, and to be thus armed, viz: with a close casque, back and brest of Pistoll proofe, Gorgett, Pouldrons, Vambraces, Two gantletts, Culetts, Tassetts, Cuissetts, a Buff ierkin or some other leather like Buff, wth longe skirts to weare betwene his armor and his clothes: A sword of three foote and an half in lengh at least hilt and all, wch is to be stiff, sharpe pointed and cuttinge: girdle and hangers, a case of two good Pistolls wth fyer locks, ye barrell wherof is to be a foote and an half, stock and all about 26 inches, the bullett of 24 in the pounde, rowlinge in; a Flasque and touch box: A boy and a nagg to carry his spare armes and otesack, and to gett him forrage, wch Boyes proue ye best kinde of Horsemen.

An Harquebusier.

Is to be mounted on a good Horse or geldinge and to be thus armed, viz: with a good Harquebusier, the barrell wherof to be two foot and an halfe in lengh, stock and all three foote three qters, and ye bullett of 17 in ye pound rowlinge in: A belt to hange ye Harquebush in, and an yron work called a Swiuell to it: A flasque and tuchbox; a buff ierkin, back and brest more then pistoll proofe; headpeece, Sword, girdle and hangers.

All Pistolls from henceforth to be made are to be fyerlocks.

A Carabine.

To be mounted on a midlinge geldinge or nagg, with a good buff ierkin and bandaleir with an yron work called a Swiuell: a Carobine or Petronell, the barrell wherof to be two foote and an half longe, Stock and all three foote three qters, and ye bullett of 24 in the pound rowlinge in, Sword girdle and Hangers.

A Piqueman.

To be thus armed, viz: A good Pique of 17 foote longe head and all, ye diamiter of ye staff to be noe less then one inch, three qters, the heade therof to be well steeled and eight inches in the lengh, broad stronge and sword pointed, and the cheekes two foote in lengh well riuited: the butt end bound with a ringe of yron: a gorgett, back, brest, Tassetts, and headpeece, a good sword of three foote longe, cuttinge, stiff pointed, with girdle and Hangers.

A Muskettier.

To be armed with a good Muskett, the barrell of fower foote longe, stock and all fiue foote two inches, the bore of 12 bulletts in the pound rowlinge in; a rest, Bandeliers, Headpeice, a good sword, girdle and Hangers.

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The Caliuer.

The Barrell therof to be three foote and three inches, the stock and all fower foote and an half, the bore of 17 bulletts in the pounde rowlinge in; a bandelier, Headpeece, a good Sword, girdle and hangers.

The patterne of all these Armes both Horse and foote, and of Sadles and other furniture for the Horse are to be kept in the stores of his Maties office of the Ordinance, to the intent that such as haue occasion to buy might not bestow their mony for Armes or furniture out of fashion or vnseruiceable.

A Companye of Horse of one Hundred ought to be furnished viz: with

A Captayne	Two Trumpetters
A Leiutenant	A Clerke
A Cornett	A Sadler
A Quartermaster	A Chirurgion
3 Corporalls	A Farrier

The files of Horse are to be putt fiue deepe, iust the half of a file of foote: when they march, they must march in three esquadrons, the whole companye to be deuided into three equall parts.

The first esquadron to be ledd by the Captayne of the Companye; the second by the Cornett; the third by the eldest Corporall; and Leiutenante and the Quartermaster to come in the Reare; and when they come to seruice the three esquadrons must be put in Battalia, viz: all these files in front.

That euerye esquadron be exercised once a moneth at least, or oftner if it shall seeme fitt till they know perfectlye what to doe, otherwise they wilbe for noe seruice, but charge cast away as now it is.

That the Companye may agree with one armorer that their armes may be the better fitted and made sutable one to another, and accordinge to ye Patterne wich shalbe kept in the foresayd office, and by that meanes they may haue them at a more reasonable price; and not be forced to change their Armes soe often as now they doe.

Likewise that they haue all their new Sadles made of one fashion, accordinge to a fashion agreed on, which is stronger then is vsuallye made in England, and fitter to beare Armes and keep the Horses back from hurtinge.

And that their Bitt-maker haue patternes deliuered vnto him for Bitts of all necessarye fashions and Sizes, to be made verye stronge, that the Horse may be the better managed, wheras now they can hardlye know how to turne their Horses for want of good Bitts.

That noe Curiassier shall carrye eyther feather or Coate, but scarfe of rich crimson taffata, accordinge as is now vsed in the Warr, which is to be two ells in lengh cutt through the
Page 161. breadth at 15^{d} a peece, and buyinge an whole peece together, they wilbe soe much the cheaper, and the charge will proue less, then that of coates and feathers, and wilbe more seruiceable and Soldier-like, and will last longer.

That after these orders shalbe agreed vpon, and warninge giuen to eu^{9}y man thereof, that forfayture be imposed vpon such as shall not obay the same, and collected and imployed for maintenance of the Companye and officers, and not otherwise.

That he that is not able to finde and furnish a Curasier, may finde a Harquebuze, or else a Carabine, if not a Carabine then a Pique, or a Musquet, or a Bastarde Musquett, and if not a bastard Musquett then a Caliuer; if he be not able to finde a Caliuer, then that he may contribute some thinge to the Magazin, and extraordinary charge, that soe euery man may carrye his burthen equallye, accordinge to his abilitye, and his Matie may be better serued: for as God makes men different in their strengh, soe also in their abilities.

That all those that finde Horse and Armes, as likewise foote, doe at Musters take their Othes, to doe his Matie true seruice, and that their Horses and furniture belonginge to them are their owne: And that all Armes may haue some particular marke to preuent borrowinge.

That there may be order, that in case of occasion of seruice the Piquer may be mounted on naggs as well as shott, wch beinge mounted are rightlye called Dragoones.

That euery man exempted in his person from Musters in respect of age, infirmitye, or other iust priuiledge, shall send eyther his Sonn of competent age, or his seruant or some other of fashion and credit to the Musters, and noe footman to be sent, that hath not ben trayned; and none to be altered w^th^out knowledge and consent of the Lo: Leiut. or the Deputy Leiutenants.

It wilbe a great aduantage to furnish this kingdome wth good Musquetiers, to haue yeouth of 16 or 18 years old to be exercised with the Caliuer, or small peece, who will afterwards make the best Musquetier.

It were to be wished that some indifferent order or rule might be agreed vpon wherby it might be knowne, what abilitye eyther of lands or goods should be charged to finde a Curasier, Harquebusier, Carabineir.

And to the end that horses of seruice may be ye better acquainted wth all things belonginge to the warr, it is conceyued that when and where it may conueniently be done.

1. The Groome should dress his horse in his Armor.
2. That he giue him his prouender on ye Drum head.
3. That when he is eatinge his prouender he discharge his peece.
4. That he be somtimes ridden agaynst a compleat Armour, soe sett vpon a stake, y^t^ he may ou^o^throw it, and trample it vnder his feet.

Good officers will deserue some kinde of pay, otherwise their suffitiencye wilbe discoraged, and the seruice neglected as it is.

ıge 162. ct. 7, 135.

A warrant from ye High Sheriff of Norff to the Cheif Const^s^ of Clackclose Hundred, to rayse 279^li^ 5^s^ in the seuerall townes, w^th^in their Hundred.

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Sr John Wentworth Kn^t^ High Seriff (*sic*) of ye Countye aforesayd, To ye Cheife Const^s^ of ye Hund: of Clackclose and to eyther of them greetinge. Wheras I haue latelye receyued

not onlye his Maties writt to me directed, but also express lr̃es from ye Lo: and others of his Maties most Hono^{ble} priuye Counsell, therby com̃andinge me to prouide one shipp of Warr of ye burthen of 800 Tunns, wthin ye whole Countye of Norff and ye Corporations therof, wth tacklinge, munition, and victuall, and all other necessaries for ye settinge forth of ye sayd shipp, ye charge wherof computed by their Honors will amount to ye Sum̃ of 8000^{li}, and therfore I am com̃anded to leuye noe less Sum̃ then aforesayd: wherof is charged vpon ye Corporations the Sum̃e of 1304^{li} the rem̃der wherof beinge 6696^{li}, I am forthwth to rate and leauy vpon the whole bodye of ye said Countye as I am required. And hauinge taken ye best information I may, for ye equall deuidinge ye sayd Sum̃e vpon eu^{ery}e Hund: and halfe Hund: wthin ye sayd Countye; doe rate and assess vpon yor Hundr: ye Sum̃ of 279^{li} 5^{s} wch is to be indifferentlye rated vpon eu^{ery}e Towne wthin ye sayd Hund: and vpon eu^{ery}e Soluant person in eu^{ery}e Towne, according to their reall or personall estate, and accordinge to ye form̃ Rates vsed in eu^{ery}e particular Towne or Parish. These are therfore for ye more speedye hasteninge ye sayd work, to will and require you and in his Maties name straightly to charge and Com̃ande you, y^{t} you call vnto you ye most ablest men of eu^{ery}e parish wthin yor Hund: and equallye deuide ye Sum̃ of 279^{li} 5^{s} vpon eu^{ery}e Parish as aforesayd, accordinge to yor auntient Rates, and after such deuision therof made, y^{t} then you ye sayd Ch: Const^{s} wth ye men or most of eu^{ery}e parish, doe sett downe what you doe conceyue to be fittinge, eu^{ery}e man aswell Ministers as others, should pay towards ye sayd charge, wth this caution notwthstandinge, y^{t} you haue a regard to proportion men to a good rate which are of a p̣sonall estate and small lands, in ease of such as haue great charge of children, or are much in debt, wherby if equality be therin vsed, I may rate them accordinglye; and all such seu^{ery}all Sum̃s so by you digested, wth a bill of all their names together with this warrant, you haue before me at King's Linn on Weddensday ye 28 of this instant Octo^{r} by 8^{t} of ye Clock in ye forenoone of ye same day, and heereof I require you not to

fayle, as you tender his Maties seruice and will answere ye contrarye at yor perills. Dated vnder my hand and seale of Office, ye seauenth day of Octr 1635.—John Wentworth.

To ye Ch: Constables of the Hundred
of Clackclose, and to eyther of them
these ddz.

The Rate sett vpon euerye Hundred, as alsoe vpon ye Corporations.

	li	s.	d.
Freebridge Mershland	244	2	6
Freebridge Linn	230	3	6
Clackclose	279	5	0
South Greenehoe	223	4	0
Grimshoe	152	19	0
Waylande	181	7	0
Shropham	223	4	0
Giltcross	104	14	6
Diss	188	6	6
Deepwade	279	0	0
Earsham	223	4	0
Hensteade	125	12	0
Mittford	244	2	6
Forehoe	306	18	0
Humbleyard	104	14	6
Tau^o^ham	132	10	6
Claueringe	209	5	0
Lodden	223	4	0
Blofeilde	181	7	0
Walsham	181	7	0
Eastflegg	90	13	6
Westflegg	132	10	6
Happinge	188	6	6
Tunstead	251	2	0
So: Erpingham	334	16	0
No: Erpingham	265	1	0
Eynsford	272	0	6
Holt	202	5	6
No: Greenehoe	188	6	6
Gallow	181	7	0
Landish	265	1	0
Brothercross	97	13	0
Smethdon	188	6	6
The Countye	6696	0	0
The Cittye	744	0	0
Lynn	300	0	0
Yarmouth	220	0	0
Thetford	30	0	0
Rysinge	10	0	0
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1635.

At White Hall, ye 26th of August, 1635.

It was this day ordered accordinge to his Maties pleasure signified by Mr Secretarye Windebanke, that ye letter followinge from his Matie to ye Counsell Board, should bee entred into ye register of Counsell causes, and a Coppye therof deliu^ꝯd to the Earle Marshall and Lo: Matrauers Lo: Leiutenants of ye County of Norff and Cittye of Norw^ch, and ye originall to remayne in ye Counsell chest.

Charles Rex.—Right trustye and right welbeloued Cozens and Counsellers, and right trustye and welbeloued Counsellers, we greet you well: Wheras we vnderstood latelye how carefull you haue ben vpon the occasion of a Petition exhibited by Atkins and Lane Aldermen of Norw^ch vnto ye Board not onlye to approue well of and incourage the proceedings of ye Lo: Matrauers with these refractory persons, and of his ffather our Earle Marshall in their carefull maynetayneinge our authoritye of Leiutenancye giuen vnto them, for wch we hartelye thanke you: Wee haue thought good further to lett you know, that we doe take ye maintayninge of this our power soe much to hart, beinge of such consequence to ye gou^ꝯm^t and safetye of our people, as y^t we hould any endeauours to resist or dispute our power in that kinde to be tendinge to faction and sedition: And therfore we Comand y^t if hereafter any Cittye beinge a Countye, or any other corporation, or any particular person therin whatsoeuer shall presume to resist or dispute our sayd power of Leiutenancye giuen by vs, from wch noe Corporation shall haue exemption; y^t our Atturney genall for ye time beinge shall not onlye proceede agaynst them by a Quo Warranto, or otherwise to call in their Charter, by information into our Court of Starchamber or other wise bringe ye Corporation or partye or parties soe offendinge to such exemplarye punishm^t as shalbe fitt. Giuen at our Court at Oateland ye 24 of Aug: in ye eleuenth yeare of our Raigne.

163. **A leuye for ye Collectinge of 36li 14s wthin this Hund: for his Maties puision rated 24th of October, 1635.**

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	li	s.	d.		li	s.	d.
Stow cum Winbotsham . .	2	18	1	Deereham cum Roxam . .	1	10	8
Downeham . .	1	6	9	Weereham . .	0	19	1
Vpwell . .	1	12	8	Stoke cum Wretton . . .	1	6	7
Outwell . .	1	5	10	Boughton . .	0	19	10
Bexwell cum Riston . . .	1	4	9	Barton . .	2	8	3
Denver . .	1	4	9	Beecham-well cum Shingham .	1	6	11
Foredam . .	0	18	9	Crimplesham .	1	6	7
Helgay . .	1	6	7	Stradsett . .	1	5	10
Sotherye . .	0	18	7	Fincham . .	2	8	3
Wallington cum Thorpland .	0	18	8	Thorpe . .	0	19	10
Rungton cum Holme . .	1	7	9	Shouldham . .	1	6	11
Watlington . .	1	16	8	Marham . .	2	8	3
Wormgay cum Tottenhill .	1	7	11	Sumª totª	36	14	0

A leuye for ye Shipp of warr, for his Maties seruice, ye Sum is 279li 5s for this Hund: rated 12 of October, 1635.

	li	s.	d.		li	s.	d.
Stow cum Winbotsham . .	21	4	1	Helgay . .	10	4	4
Downeham . .	10	0	0	Sotherye . .	7	6	0
Vpwell . .	12	7	0	Wallington cum Thorpeland .	7	11	1
Outwell . .	9	18	6	Rungton cum Holme . .	10	10	0
Bexwell cum Riston . . .	9	9	0	Watlington . .	13	14	11
Denuer . .	9	9	0	Wormegay cum Tottenhill .	10	8	3
Foredam . .	7	11	1				

	li	s.	d.		li	s.	d.
Deerham cum Roxam . .	12	0	2	Crimplesham .	10	3	0
Weereham . .	7	4	8	Stradsett . .	9	18	4
Stoke cum Wretton	10	4	0	Fincham . .	18	2	10
Boughton . .	7	11	8	Thorpe . .	7	11	8
Barton . .	18	2	10	Shouldham . .	10	6	6
Beecham well cum Shinghā . .	10	4	0	Marham . .	18	2	10
				Sum^a^ tota^s^	279	5	0

Page 164. Nov. 18, 1635.

A warrant from ye High Sheriff of Norff to the Ch: Const. for ye Hundred of Clackclose for the gatheringe ye monies for his Maties shipp, in ye sayd Hund:

Norff.

Sr John Wentworth Kn^t^ High Sheriff of ye countye aforesayd, to ye Cheife Const of the Hund: of Clackclose greetinge. Wheras I haue receyued his Maties writt to me and others directed for the furnishinge and settinge forth one shipp of Warr of the Burthen of 800 Tunns for his Maties seruice, ye charge wherof computed doth amount to ye Sum̄e of 8000^li^, wch is to be borne by ye Cittye of Norw^ch^, Lynn, Yarmouth, Thetford, and castle Rysinge, and all other townes, Villages, Hamletts, parishes and places whatsoeuer, within ye Countye of Norff. and the monye sett vpon ye Cittye and Corporations beinge deducted, I haue sett the iust and true remaynders, accordinge to ye auntient and now setled rates of ye sayd Countye vpon ye seu^d^all Hundreds, and haue assessed vpon yor Hundred the proportionable Sum̄e of 279^li^ 5^s^ 0: and by further assistance of ye Cheife Const. and other Cheif inhabitants of each parish and towne, I haue layd a proportionable Rate vpon each parish and towne w^th^in your Hund: and vpon the seuerall inhabitants, Ministers and soluant persons and each of them, which being ingrossed by me, I herew^th^ send them vnto you: And now by vertue of the said Writt and spetiall direction from his Matie, and the Lo^s^ and others of his Maties Counsell, I doe nominate and appointe you Tho: Neaue and Ed: Melsopp Cheif Consta: of the sayd Hund: collecters

within yor sayd Hundred. And doe hereby straightlye charge and require you and eyther of you by vertue of ye said writt and direction aforesayd forthwth vpon receyt heerof, to leuye, Collect and gather by distress or otherwise to his Maties vse within your sayd Hundred the Sum̃e of 279^{li} 5^{s} 0^{d} viz: of euerye man accordinge to the Rate and assessment sett vpon him, and the same soe leauyed to pay vnto me at Norw^{ch}, at ye signe of the King's Heade there vpon ye 15th day of December next at the farthest, and if anye person shall refuse payment or be refractorye (of whome noe distress can be taken) y^{t} forthwith you bringe the sayd parties before me to be dealt with all by imprisonm^{t} or otherwise, accordinge to the authoritye giuen me by ye said writt, which I must not fayle to execute vpon euerye of them. And heerof I require and charge you not to fayle as you tender his Maties seruice in soe important a worke, and will answere ye contrarye at your perills. Giuen vnder my hand and seale of office this 18th of Nouember, in ye 11th yeare of his Maties raigne, 1635.—John Wentworth.

Mem̃ the 21^{li} 4^{s} 1^{d} rated vpon Stow and Wimbotsham was equallye deuided into three parts: Wherof Wimbotshā payd 7^{li} 0^{s} 17^{d}, Stow greene and ye ward 7^{li} 0^{s} 16^{d} and Stow brinke other 7^{li} 0^{s} 16^{d}.

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A letter from the Lo: Matrauers to the Dep: Leiut^{s} for a Muster, by the appointment of the Lords of the Priuye Counsell.

After my very hartye Com̃endations, I send you heerewth all a true coppye of the letters for Musters, wch I haue latelye receyued from the Lo: of ye Counsell, wherin you may see his Maties princlye care and their Lo^{pps} directions for all diligence to be vsed in this Sum̃s Musters wthin ye Countye of Norff. And though I know ye great paynes you constantlye take in this affayre (wherof I am verye sensible) yett in regard of y^{e}

great consequence of this seruice to ye Publiq, I cannot but call vpon you to continue the same, espetiallye y^t^ the Captaynes vse extraordinarye diligence in ye frequent instruction of their men in the readye vse of their Armes; and for further directions that they carefullye obserue ye contents of my letter to them of the 7th of August last past, and I pray you require a strict account from them vnder their hands of all ye particulars therin contayned and required. For the time of callinge and Musteringe of the Compaynies this Sum̃, whether to be done by regim^ts^ or as form̃ly I leaue it to your directions to be performed, as to you shall seeme best for ye conueniencye of the Countye. I shall need to say litle more but referr you to their Lo^ps^ sayd letters for your better directions, hopinge y^t^ you will diligently obserue and carefullye put in execution the contents and euerye part therof. In takinge an account of ye performance I shalbe soe exact, that noe offender shall hope to escape vnpunished: I shall likwise desire you to be verye strict in yor certificate, which I expect, and soe I bidd you hartelye farewell and rest Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrend, Hen: Matrauers.

Arrundell house,
the 31th of May, 1636.

Page 165. May 18, 1636.

A letter from the Lo^s^ of ye Counsell to the Lords Leiut^s^ of Norff for Musters this yeare, 1636.

After our verye hartye Com̃endations to yor Lo^ps^. Wheras his Maties fleete beinge now readye to putt to Sea, it is found requisite (besides those preparations) that the like care should be taken as was ye last yeare for securinge the Realme in all parts by causinge ye trayned bands and ye land forces to be Mustered and had in readines. These are therfore to pray and require yor Lo^ps^ to giue speedye and effectuall order to your Dep: Leiut^s^ to cause an exact veiu and muster to be taken of all ye trayned bands both Horse and foote w^th^in y^t^ Countye, and to persue therin the directions of our letters of

the 27th of Aprill, 1635, and of ye 15th of June followinge, exceptinge onlye yt for ye ease of the Countye as much as may be of all vnnecessarye charges and troble. We haue thought fitt yt these particulars followinge directed by our sayd form letters should be now forborne, viz: the inrollinge of all those wch were not of ye trayned bands from ye age of 16 to 60. The administringe ye Oth of Allegiance and Supmacye it beinge thought requisite yt ye Oth of Allegiance should be administred and yt alsoe but to those who did not take it ye last yeare, and such as haue ben since or shalbe newlye enrolled, for supply of ye trayned bands. The appointinge of a Prouost Marshall. Heerin we pray yor Lops yt noe time may be lost, ye importance of the seruice soe requiringe, and yt you returne and exact account of ye state of the forces of yt Countye, and of ye performance of these our directions by ye first day of Michaellms terme next. And soe we bidd yor Loppes verye hartelye farewell.—Yor verye louinge ffrends, Lo: Arch Bp of Canterbury, Lo: Keeper, Lo: Arch: Bp of York, Lo: Bp of London, Lo: Priuye Seale, Lord Linsey, Lo: Cottington, Lo: Newburge, Mr Controller, Secret. Cooke, Secret. Windebanke.

White Hall,
the 18th of May, 1636.

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Letters and Certificates from Lynn Regis, wherin they desire releife from the Countrye for their infected persons.

Right worth May it please you to vnderstand, that wheras it hath pleased God to visitt this Towne with the infection of ye Plague, whereby all artificers and tradesmen heere are altogether hindred to putt to sale theire wares and Comodities thereby to rayse liuelyehoode for themselues and their families, manye of wch must now of necessitye receyue releife which formlye were able to contribute towards the releife of ye poore: And the Charge at least fiftye pounds weeklye beinge

too greuous and heauye for vs to beare, neyther can it welbe raysed. We haue recourse to your Wor^{pps} humbly crauinge your assistance, that you would be pleased to cause Collection to be made in the Countrye towards the supplye of our necessityes, there beinge now 34 familyes infected, and increase thereof daylye feared growes to a great charge in particular for them, for there hath ben expended meerelye about them in 14 dayes last the Sum̄ of 54^{li} raysed out of the inhabitants heere, besides the weekelye charge of the poore of this towne, which by meanes of the want of tradinge is growne to a mightye heigh. Thus not doubtinge but that the miserable estate of our towne is well knowen vnto you, and that you will take the premises into your consideration, We take our leaues, restinge Yo^{r} louinge ffrendes, John Maye Mayor, Tho: Grinnell, Tho: Miller, Barth: Wormell, John Bassett, Joshua Greene, Jo: Perceuall, Tho: Nelson, Edm: Hudson.

Lynn Regis,
the 15th of Septem^{r}, 1636.

Page 166. Sept. 28, 1636.

Mr Mayor,

We receyued yor letters vpon fryday last at night, and this day we receyued letters from Mr Recorder, wth three warrants, for ye ratinge of seuall townes in ye 3 Hund: wthin 5 miles next adiacent vnto your towne of Lynn, for ye ayde of your sayd towne beinge now infected, wch warrants we conceyue we may not as yett subscribe vnto, by reason of his Maties booke of Orders and Iniunctions: for first therin we are Com̄anded to haue an assembly of all ye Just. of Peace within ye Countye: Secondly we are to enquire and informe our selues by all good meanes, of what wealth ye inhabitants are of, and how able to releiue the poore y^{t} are or shalbe infected, as well within Corporate townes as other: Thirdlye a generall tax is to be layd vpon such towne in Gross, or vpon spetiall persons of wealth wthin ye same, as by ye sayd order more at large appeareth. Now these beinge new vnto vs, and we but two Just. wthin this great Countye, we resolue forthwth to

make yor letters and desires knowne, vnto all our assotiats in Comission, and vpon yor certificate vnto vs and ye rest of our fellow Just^{s} of ye premises, or what else you think materiall, we shall readilye doe you all ye right and fauour we may: Thus beinge glad to heare the sicknes abates in yor Towne, and hopinge in God the same will still decrease for wch and for you all we shall ioyne in our prayers vnto him ye protector of vs all. And rest Your louinge ffrends, Tho: Dereham, John Hare.

West Deereham,
the 28th of Sept., 1636.

e 167. t. 28, 6. We receyued a letter from Mr Mayor, ye Just^{s} of ye Peace and Aldermen of the Towne of Kings Linn, a true Coppye whereof we send you hereinclosed; and knowinge ye Sessions to be holden at Norw^{ch} vpon tuesday next, conceyuinge there wilbe most part of the Just^{s} of y^{t} limitt, we thought it fittest thether to address these letters, that there (or otherwise as you shall thinke fitt) you may order what in this case shalbe conuenient. And wheras we are comanded by his Maties booke of orders to assemble all together at some conuenient place to consider of the infection &c. within this Countye, we willinglye leaue the day to be appointed by you, and will god willinge not fayle to accompanye you at East Dereham at such day and place there by nine of ye clock in the morneinge as you shall resolue of. This busines beinge new vnto vs, we are in a great doubt what to doe, beinge verye vnwillinge, y^{t} eyther the towne of Lynn should want succor or releife, or that the Country should be taxed wthout iust cause: ye number of howses being 34, are still shutt vp, and noe increase of anye more, and thankes be to God the number weeklye dyinge is half in halfe abated; for ye last weeke there dyed 19, and this weeke but 9, as appeares by Mr Mayors certificate to vs. We desire your answere and aduise to vs heerein at our next Sessions at Swaffam, where vsuallye ye countrye is taxed for great corporations; if soe, what rate and sume you

thinke indifferent; and w^th^all in this daingerous time of trauaylinge, whether you resolue to haue vs all assemble at East Deereham aforesayd, or y^t^ we punctuallye follow ye statute as there shalbe cause. All wch we leaue to your better iudgm^ts^ desiringe to be assisted heerin by you with yor opinions and consents. And we rest euer Yo^r^ louinge ffrends to serue you, Tho: Deereham, John Hare.

West Dereham,
the 28th of Sept., 1636.

Page 167. 1636. May it please you, Wee receyued yor letter directed vnto vs at this ꝑsent Sessions of ye Peace houlden at Norw^ch^, and in yours a letter from ye Mayor and Aldermen of Lynn addressed to your selues, concerninge y^e^ ꝑsent daynger and pressure of the Towne by reason of ye Plague. And in a matter soe greatly importinge the safetye of ye countrye, we are all readye to bestow our trauaile: but for as much as in an infectious season, such gen̄all meetings of all the Just^s^ wth other Companye might rather further then ꝑuent ye mischeif, we think fitt accordinge to your owne words to signifie our opinions vnto you at yor Sessions. First y^t^ we conceyue ye Towne of Lynn although a great Corporation, is not excluded from releife out of the Country, when vrgent necessitye shall appeare. Secondly, for ye Rate to be leuied it must be proportioned to ye want of ye persons to be releiued, wth due consideration of ye value and the worth of ye Inhabitants of Lynn, now burthened wth ye charge, (ye increase or diminution of the sicknes vncertayne). Thirdly for ye way of raysinge supply, we find ye Statute to haue ben punctuallye followed by degrees of supply with good success in like cases. And therfore knowinge yor wisdomes and neereness of your dwellings fitt to take exact knowledge of ye Reuenue of ye Towne, and of all other circumstances in this matter, better then any of vs that liue remote; We doe com̄end ye whole orderinge therof to your good care, beinge assured y^t^ noe due course shalbe

omitted for the generall preseruation of ye Country, or seasonable releife of ye infected, when you shall see cause, wherin we shall vnanimouslye consent vnto ye legall orders by you to be taken, and will concurr in our owne endeauours as further occasion shall require, Remayneinge euer Yo^r^ louinge ffrends to Serue you, John Hobert, Owen Smith, Miles Hobert, John Holland, Robert Kempe, John Potts, John Smith, Tho: Windhā, Fra: Mapes, Tho: Talbott, Robert Wilton.

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To ye Right worth the Justs of ye Peace for the Countye of Norff, at their Sessions of ye Peace holden at Swaffam the 11th of Octor, 1636.

We the Mayor, Aldermen and Justices of ye Peace of ye Burgh of Kings Lynn in ye Countye of Norff doe heereby certefie vnto ye sayd Justs of Peace of the County aforesayd, That ye sayd Borrough hauinge ben greuouslye infected wth ye Plague, by ye space of seauen weeks and vpwards, and still continuinge soe infected, the inhabitants there haue ben at excessiue charges by seuall rates and taxations sett and imposed vpon them, besides weeklye paym^ts^ from the Corporation it self, Soe as the sayd inhabitants doe find themselues vnable to releiue their infected and poore psons w^th^in ye sayd Bourgh, the charge psent beinge vnsupportable by ye sayd inhabitants, wch in effect hath ben heretofore certefied, yett nothinge hath ben done for their releife, ye matter beinge referred to the Sessions. The lamentable state and charge of our Towne is sett forth in a note heerevnder written, the truth wherof and of this Certificate, we attest by settinge our hands heerevnto, humbly prayinge such releif, as by Law, Justice, and Christian charitye, may and ought (as we conceyue) to be afforded to ye sayd infected persons amongst vs, our Inhabitants beinge vnable to releiue them as aforesayd. Thus with our due respects we remayne Yo^r^ verye louinge ffrends, Tho: Grinnell Mayor, Joshua Greene, Jo: Perceuall, Tho: Milner, Bar: Wormell, John May.

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Heere be of poore infected families 50 shutt vp, wherof not aboue fiue able to releiue themselues, ye charge of w^{ch}, for meate, drink, firing, Phisick, Watchinge and wardinge, at least 20^{s} a familye weeklye	45	0	0
The poore people not infected, whose lamentable crye for releife doth much moue vs, beinge 632 families, and in all 2426 persons now destitute of worke wherby to rayse liuelyehood for themselues and families, are now to be releiued wth mony to buy meate, drink, cloths, fyringe and pay houserent, all wch for one day at ij^{d} a person, comes to weekly	140	0	0
Sum^{a} weeklye .	185	0	0
Wherof is Collected weeklye of ye now inhabitants, at extreame rates	33	0	0
Rec: from ye Corporation it self weekly towards this charge, besides 100^{li} already layd out to build Pesthouses and things fittinge for them .	15	0	0
Sum^{a} weeklye .	48	0	0

There rests to be payd more if wee were able weekly.

Our suspected ensuinge charge.

Heere are of Artificers, viz: Shoomakers, Taylors, Joyners, Smiths, Glouers, weauers, Porters and watermen, 480 families, in all 2297 persons, beinge some of them formerly able to contribute towards ye releife of the poore, are now for want of worke and sale of their goods, by our debarm^{t} from all places, driuen to such want, y^{t} they will (we feare) need a weeklye allowance of releife.

Moreouer when our shipps be layd vp, as they must be wthin a moneth, (winter soe nigh approchinge) we shall haue at least 300 Saylers to be setled in our Towne that we know assuredly, will proue both daingerous and chargeable to our Towne.

169. May it please you,
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We receyued this day your certificate, wherby we perceyue 45li to be ye present weeklye charge of 45 poore families now infected in your Towne, and wthall we receyued letters from our fellowes Justs of ye Peace at Norwch Sessions, wherein they decline a genall meetinge to preuent further infection, and desire vs by reason of our nearness to yor sayd towne, to take exact knowledge of the reuenue of yor Burgh amongst other things, as appeares by ye sayd letters, and makinge yor Certificate knowne to some of our neybours of the Country, they affirme to vs that your towne land is 1400 or 1500li ꝑ Annū, and to your weeklye rate of 33li as appeares by your Certificate, some of ye best and richest inhabitants in yor burgh are rated but at 4s, and some others of good estate Aldermen not half soe much; This we thought fitt to acquaint you with, desiringe to receyue satisfaction as well of the value of yor Towne land, as the true weeklye rate in ꝑticular of ye best and richest in the Towne, wch Certificate we desire to haue safly sent vnto vs, vpon Saturday next by 12 of the Clock at noone to ye house of Will: Smith at Stoake, where we haue appointed this speedye meetinge to expedite this busines. Thus we rest Yor verye louinge ffrends, Tho: Dereham, Edm: Moundeford, John Spelman, John Hare, Wm Heuenyngham, Wm Buckworth, John Atthow.

Swaffham,
the 11th of October, 1636.

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Hauinge receyued yor letters dated ye 11th of this instant October and perused the same, I haue in answere thereof sent instructions to Francis Parlett esq, our Recorder to giue you satisfaction to the full of your desires. Thus breiflye referringe my answere to our sayd Recorders deliuerye, with our due respects I take my leaue, restinge Yor verye louinge ffrend, Tho: Grinnell, Maior.

Lynn Regis,
the 15th of Octor, 1635.

Page 169. Oct. 14, 1636. S^{r}, We receyued yor letter for wch we thanke you: alsoe we receyued yesterday a letter from ye Just^{s} dated ye 11th of this instant, a coppye wherof we haue sent you heereinclosed, wherein they acknowledge the receyt of our Certificate, the coppye whereof we haue alsoe heerein sent you, but seeme not to take notice of our great charge of poore people, but onlye of our weeklye charge of infected persons, wch poore people beinge 600 families and odd, wth 2400 and odd pticular persons, cometh weekly as appeareth by our Certificate at ij^{d} the pson a day to 140^{li} in all by the weeke, which wth ye charge of visited Housholds comes to 184^{li} weekly; Likewise they desire to be certefied first of the reuenues of our Towne, wch by information of some vnaduised persons, haue ben reported to be much more in value then they are, to ye great wronge of the Inhabitants, as appeared in the assessm^{t} made for ye Kings shipp, and the particular releif of this Towne: for the satisfyinge of the vntruth of this report, we haue this day exactly drawne out of ye Chamberlins books, the yearelye value of our Reuenues, and ye yearly paym^{ts} out of them, to such vses as they were giuen for, wch appeareth heerevnder written; Wherin it shall appeare that the Mayor and Aldermen are but Gardians for these reuenues, and receyue noe profitt by them. Alsoe ye Just^{s} desire to be satisfied concerninge our assessm^{t} for the weekelye
Page 170. reliefe of the poore, by reason some haue informed them, that we assess the best men in our Towne but at 4^{s} a man weekelye, and some at lower Rates; but this assessm^{t} is as wee conceyue wholye mistaken; for besides the ordinarye Assessm^{t} made at Easter, wee haue taxed and charged the Inhabitants with in 7 weeks last, wth three seuall Assessm^{t} of 13 weeks pay aforehand apeece, which amounteth in all to 39 weekes, present pay, the last whereof is now in gatheringe^{s} and wilbe all expended this present night: by wch it appeares y^{t} he who payes 4^{s} weeklye as they are informed, hath to one of our sayd assessm^{ts} of 13 weeks payd 52^{s}, and soe euery one accordinge to the proportion rated vpon them: and for

ye three Assessm^ts^, beinge 39 weeks pay, this 4^s^ man hath payd vij^li^ 16^s^, and each man proportionably; And now all this monye beinge expended this present weeke, we must of necessitye lay a fourth taxation vpon ye inhabitants ye next weeke, wch taxations are soe heauye, as our inhabitants are vnable to vndergoe them, by reason they can neyther make sale of any goods, nor gett any goods due to them in the Country. These things we desire you would accordinge to your wisdome intimate to ye Justices, as alsoe of ye present estate of ye poore, and infected poore of this towne, our infected howses doe still increase and are now about 54 or 55, and our other poore people are brought to such a lamentable case of estate for want of ꝑuision of meat, fyringe, and cloths, that except there be a speedye supply out of ye Countrye for their releif, they are many of them like to perish for want of reliefe, and our Corporation is soe disabled by this weeklye paym^t^ of 15^li^, and by meanes of ye increase of the Plague in new howses, we are forced to build more Pesthowses, then before we haue done, which will cost vs at least 100^li^ besides the 100^li^ formlye mentioned in our Certificate to ye Just^s^ soe as this is like to be a cheargable and lamentable year to vs, and indeed we shall runn the Corporation into soe great debt, as not to be recould agayne wth all good husbandry this 7 years next at least. We haue this day taken an exact examination of ye yearelye reuenues of our Towne, and we find them to be eleuen hundred and twelue pound ꝑ Ann; our yearelye paym^ts^ as appeares in ꝑticulars amounts to eleuen hundred ninety and two pounds, viz:

	li	s.	d.
The officers of the Corporation ꝑ Annum . .	499	0	0
To Ministers and preachers of both churches, St Margaretts and St Nicholas	243	0	0
For ye mayntenance of two houses for poore people, one an Hospitall wth 15 persons, the other an Almes house, with twelue persons . . .	150	0	0
For the mayntenance of a free Schoole, to ye M^r^ and vsher ꝑ Ann	50	0	0

	li	s.	d.
For repayringe of coundit pipes hauinge our water brought three or fower Miles in leaden pipes, p Annum	50	0	0
For the mayntenance of Wharffs against the sea, reparations of howses, Bridges, and scouringe of fleets, p Annū	100	0	0
For ye charitable vses amonge poore people, aboue o^r ouseeres paym^ts	100	0	0
Sum^a tot^a .	1192	0	0
More this present yeare payd out by ye Corporation in buildinge of Pesthowses and furnishinge them at first	100	0	0
Buildinge now more houses, wch wth their furniture will cost	100	0	0
For 7 weeks at 15^li a weeke out of ye Corporation already payd	105	0	0
Sum̄ is .	305	0	0

Thus referringe our busines to your wisdome with our best respects to you, we rest Yo^r louinge ffrends, Tho: Grinnell Maior, Joshua Greene, Jo: Perciuall, Barthol: Wormell.

Lynn Regis,
the 14th of October, 1636.

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A new Certificate of the Accounts of ye Towne of Kings Lynn, for their Reuenues for the three yeares last past, An^o Dñi, 1636.

	li	s.	d.
Inp due to the Towne from the Accountants for ballance for their Accounts, for the yeare 1633, the Sum̄ of . . . . . , .	43	10	0
It. due to ye Towne from ye Accountants, ye Chamberlins for ballance of their Accounts for ye yeare 1634, ye Sum̄ of	3	12	1¾
Soe the Sum̄ resting to ye towne for ye two yeares reuenues is	47	2	1¾

	li	s.	d.
Inp̃ due from the Towne to ye Accountants the Chamberlins for ballance of their Accounts for ye yeare 1635, the Sum̃ of 47^li 0^s 11¼^d, besides 100^li which the Chamberlins did borrow that yeare to supply their wants for the Townes busines, wch 100^li the Towne payed as by ye Account it doth appeare, soe ye Towne was out of purse that yeare	147	0	11¼
Out of which the 47^li ij^s 1¾^d profitt of 2 yeares Reuenues as aboue mentioned, beinge deducted	47	2	1¾
Resteth that the towne is out of purse, in ye sayd three yeares	99	18	9½

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Right worth,

Accordingly as his Matie hath ben gratiouslye pleased to direct in his Highnes late printed booke of Orders, I doe heerby signifie vnto you for truth that from Saturday the first day of this instant October, duringe the space of one whole weeke, there hath dyed within this Towne in all 24 persons, wherof nineteene of the Plague, and the other fiue of other diseases. Thus wth my best respects I take my leaue, Restinge Yo^r louinge ffrend, Tho: Grinnell Mayor.

Lynn Regis,
the 8^t of October, 1636.

e 171. 27, 6.

To Francis Parlett esq, Recorder of King's Lynn.

S^r, We haue intreated Mr Alderman Milner to be wth you in the Morrow at Downham, who intends to goe alonge with you to Stoake to giue you suffitient instruction of ye state and distress of our towne since our last intelligence giuen to you by Certificate. I haue inclosed sent you a note of ye families newlye infected. S^r, I perceyue they stick much vpon president, where releife haue not ben yelded in ye like case;

we haue to that end sent you by Mr Milñ a letter sent to my Brother Perciuall from an Alderman of Boston, wherin he affirmes that their Towne is releiued by ye fiue miles taxe, accordinge to the booke of Orders, Soe likewise had Cambridge, ye cittye of Lincolne, and the Towne of Looth in Linconsheire and manye others. Thus desiringe your care in the furtherance of our desires, with Comendations &c, I rest Yor louinge ffrend, Tho: Grinnell Mayor.

Lynn Regis,
the 27th of October, 1636.

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The information of Mr Alderman Milner, the 27th of October, 1636.

Families new infected since ye last meetinge of ye Justices	16 families
More shutt vp in seuall houses infected . .	41 families
More in the Pesthouse infected houses . . .	12 families
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Mr Alderman Milner to certefie the Justices of ye letter frō Bostō to Mr Perciuall.

We likewise desire you to importune the Justices, that they would more take to hart, the distressed and lamentable estate of our poore, and to enlarge their bountye towards vs, that we may be noe further delayed least or poore perish for want of releife, and least they grow incorrigable and we shall not be able to retayne them.

	li	s.	d.
There are 2040 persons to be releiued, besides ye infected, at ijd a day is	136	0	0
They haue rated me to ye 4s a weeke, wch for 13 weeks is 52s which I haue payd, and also 39s for two assessments, for 19 weeks and more, I am to pay to a new assessment 52s . .	7	3	0

Tho: Milner.

172. 18, **All these 16 families are infected since our last certificate to you, or much suspected at least, howeuer shutt vp, and at our towne charge.**

Peter Woodcock	John Butler	Rowland Casbey
Widow Yonges	Widdow Cock	Geo: Eueringham
Robert Hargraue	John Slater	Goodw: Tauerner
John Harewell	Goodwife Wisson	George Arnoll
Widdow Barker	Clem^{t} Maskinge	John Coston
Widdow Mason		

Memo vpon these seuerall certificates and letters and after 4 seuall meetings at seuerall places, by ye Justices of these parts or most of them; It was determined and agreed at Stoake ye 28 of Oct^{r}, 1636, by Sr Tho: Deereham, Sr John Hare, and Sr Edm: Moundeford Kn^{ts}, Will: Heuenyngham, Jo: Spelman, Frances Parlett, John Atthow esqs. Just^{s} of the Peace for this Countye, that there should be giuen to the towne of Lynn twentye pounds which was accordinglye payd by the Cheif Constables of the Hundred of Clackclose, Freebridge Marshland, Freebridg Lynn to Mr Milner one of ye Aldermen of Kings Lynn as appeares by the Acquittance giuen by the sayd Mr Milnl, vnder his hand in these words.

28° Octobris, 1636.

	li	s.	d.
Receyued by me Thomas Milner of King's Lynn one of the Aldermen there the Sum̄ of twenty pounds, as a voluntarye and free guif of some of ye inhabitants of the three Hundreds in ye countye of Norff (viz:) Clackclose, Freebridge Marshland and Freebridge Lynn, giuen by them to the Borrough of Kings Lynn aforesayd, beinge greuously infected wth ye Plague . .	20	0	0

I say receyued,

Tho: Milner.

Page 173. Nov. 22, 1636.

A Warrant from ye High Sheriff to ye Ch: Constes of ye Hund: of Clackclose for ye leuyinge of 283li 7s 7d for his Maties shipp of warr, rated Noue: 22th, 1636.

Norff.

William Paston esq, High Sheriff of ye Countye aforesayd, to ye Ch: Constes of ye Hund of Clackclose and to eyther of them greetinge. Wheras I haue not only receyued his Maties writt for prouidinge one shipp of Warr, of the burthen of 780 Tunns for his Maties seruice but alsoe letters from ye Loes and others of his Maties most Hoble priuye Counsell for the assessinge and leauyinge of the Sum̄ of 7800li towards ye charge of furnishinge and settinge forth ye sayd shipp, be assessed and leauyed vpon ye whole bodye of the Countye of Norff and corporations wthin ye same, of wch Sum̄ of 7800li there hath ben alreadye assessed vpon ye corporations the Sum̄ of 1010li and the remaynder therof being 6790li I am forthwith to rate and leauye vpon ye whole bodye of ye Countye as I am required. And hauinge taken ye best consideration I may for ye equall deuidinge ye sayd Sum̄ of 6790li vpon euery hundred within ye sayd Countye, doe rate and assess vpon your Hundred the Sum̄ of 283li 7s 7d wch is to be indifferentlye rated vpon euerye Parish and Towne wthin ye sayd Hund: and vpon eu̅y soluant person within the saide towne or Parish, accordinge to their reall or personall estates, and according to form̄ vsuall Rates in eu̅ye particular towne and parish. These are therfore for ye more speedye effectinge of ye sayd seruice to will and require you and in his Maties name straightly to charge and Com̄and you, yt you call vnto you three or more of ye most able and suffitient men of eu̅ye Parish in yor Hund: and equallye deuide ye sayd Sum̄ of 283li 7s 7d vpon eu̅y Parish as aforesayd accordinge to yor auntient and most vsuall rates, and after such deuision therof made, that then you ye sayd Ch: Constes wth ye Minister and Parishion̄s of eu̅y Parish respectiuelye to sett downe what you conceyue to be fittinge for eu̅y man as well Ministers as others to pay, wth this caution notwthstandinge yt you haue regarde to proportion men to a

good rate which are of psonall estate and small lands, in ease of such as haue great charge of children or be much in debt, whereby if equalitye be therin vsed, I may rate them accordinglye: and in ratinge the clergie (to whom you must not fayle to beare a due respect) you must particularlye express in eu⁹y Parish how much euery clergieman is rated for his meere ecclesiasticall possessions, and what for his temporall and personall estate: And all Sum̄s by you digested in a booke fayrelye written of all their names aswell Ministers as others, vnder your hands and ye hands of ye Minister and Parishioners of eu⁹ye Parish together with this Warrant you haue before me at the signe of the Mayds Head in Norwch vpon thursday beinge the 15 day of Decemr next by nine of ye clock in the forenoone. And heerof I require and charge you not to fayle as you tender his Mattes seruice and will answere ye contrarye at yor perills. Giuen vnder ye Seale of my office this 22th of Nouemr, 1636.—William Paston, Vir.

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	li	s.	d.
Stow cum Winbotsham	21	9	1
Downeham	10	4	0
Outwell	10	2	0
Vpwell	12	11	0
Bexwell cum Riston	9	13	0
Denuer	9	12	0
Fordham	7	12	10
Helgay	10	7	10
Sothery	7	7	6
Wallingtō cū Thorpland	7	13	1
Rungton cum Holme	10	12	0½
Watlington	13	18	2
Wormgay cū Tottenhill	10	11	3
West Derehā cū Roxhā	12	13	6
Wyreham	7	6	9
Stoke cum Wretton	10	6	11
Boughton	7	13	10
Barton Bendish	18	8	5
Beachā well cū Shinghā	10	6	11
Crimplesham	10	5	11
Stradsett	10	1	2
Fincham	18	8	5
Thorpe	7	13	10
Shouldham	10	9	8
Marham	18	8	5
Sum̄ tot:	283	7	7

Page 174. Dec. 28, 1636.

A letter from the Lo^s of ye Counsell for the puttinge of Lynn Mart, this yeare 1636.

After our hartye Comendations, Wheras we are giuen to vnderstand, y^t there is a Mart or ffayre to be holden in ye Towne of Lynn Regis in ye Countye of Norff beginninge ye third of February next, and continuinge the space of vj dayes, wch by reason of ye greate concourse of people wch vsually from all parts therabouts at y^t time resort thether, may in these contagious times bringe much daynger and preiudice not onlye to ye sayd towne (wch hath ben of late and yett remaynes as we heare much visited wth ye Plague) but alsoe to other parts of ye Country therabouts, to the great endaingeringe and hazarde of the liues of manye his Maties Subiects: For preuention wherof wee haue thought good heereby in his Maties name, and by his espetiall Comande beinge this day present in Counsell, to require you to take speedye and effectuall order for the puttinge of ye sayd Mart or fayre for this yeare, and y^t yee forthwith giue notice therof not onlye to the Mayor, Magistrates and inhabitants of the sayd towne, but y^t you cause the same to be published in all places within that Countye of Norff from whence people doe vsuallye resort vnto ye sayd Mart or Fayre. Soe not doubtinge of your care and diligence in the due performance heerof, We bidd you hartelye ffarewell. From Hampton Court the 28th day of Decem^r, 1636.—Yo^r louinge ffrends, W. Cant, Tho: Couentry C.S., Pem: Mongomery, Salisburye, H. Vane, H. Manchester, Dorsett, Northumberland, J. Cooke.

To our lovinge ffrends the Justices
of Peace of the Countye of Norff
and to all and e̅ye of them.

ge 174. 6. **Stow Barolfe cum Wimbotsham beinge rated to his Maties shipp of Warr the 22th of Nouember, 1636, at 21^li 9^s 1^d the third part wherof beinge to be borne by Wimbotsham as is vsed in all rates, the residue beinge 14^li vj^s 1^d is rated vpon Stow Bardolf as followeth viz:**

	li	s.	d.
The Lordshipp	8	3	0
Sr Robert Bell and his tenants for Bardolf fenn, the new grounds and ffenns in Stow	4	1	0
Other tenants and owners in Stow	2	0	0
The Rectorye and vicaridge	0	2	1

Mem̃ the 4^li 1^s rated vpon Sr Robert Bell beinge payd by him the rem̃ beinge 10^li vj^s 1^d was rated vpon ye whole Towneshipp by ye pound viz: on ye east side of ye riuer at iij^d ob' ye pounde, to which Sr John Hares rate came to ij^li 8^s 11^d.

ge 175. ay 17, 37. **A letter from the Lo: Matrauers to Sr John Hare, knight.**

After my verye hartye Com̃endations, You shall heerwith receyue a letter from my Lo: my Father and my self directed to ye deputye Leiut^s of Norff, wherin is desired their assistance to the Com̃issioñs of Sewers, for drayninge the ffenns, as by the letters themselues you shall perceyue. I doe heereby intreate you in respect you are the next deputye Leiutenant to open the sayd letter, and then to proceede therin to your vttmost power accordinge to the contents therof, and also to acquaint the rest of the Deputy Leiut^s therwith, that they may vse all effectuall meanes for the performance of what is required. Soe not doubtinge of yor care in the speedye execution of this seruice I rest Yo^r verye louinge ffrend, H. Matrauers.

Arrundell house,
May 17th, 1637.

age 175. ay 17, 637. **A letter from the Lo^s Leiutenants, to the Deputye Leiutenants.**

After our very harty Com̃endations, By the inclosed you shall perceyue aswell the directions from the Lo^s of his Maties most Ho^ble priuye Counsell giuen vnto vs, as alsoe the great

charge they haue imposed vpon vs to see y^t^ the act of Sewers made at Kings Lynn the 13 of January in ye vj^t^ yeare of his Maties Raigne be fullye executed, for the drayninge of the great leuell of Marish fenns and surrounded grounds lyinge within the limitts of the Comissions of Sewers for the Countye of Norff, Northampton, Lincolne, Suff, Cambridg, Huntington, and the Isle of Elye. We doe therfore pray and desire you and eu^o^ye of you to take this into yor espetiall consideration, and to vse yours and eu^o^y of yor best endeau^o^s in furtheringe and assistinge this noble work wch is of soe great consequence to this kingdome, as that his Matie hath ben gratiously pleased to giue his consent and signifie his desire for the effectinge therof; and y^t^ whensoeuer you or anye of you shall finde or haue notice of any person or psons y^t^ shalbe refractorye or any way oppose the sayd work, y^t^ you forthwith bind them ouer to answere their contempt before the Counsell board, accordinge to former order and direction from their Lo^pps^, and we will not fayle to make knowne to his Matie and the Lords, your diligence therin. Soe not doubtinge of your care we rest Yo^r^ very louinge ffrends, Arrundell and Surrey, H. Matrauers.

Arrundell House,
May 17, 1637.

Page 175. May 22, 1637.

A letter from Sr John Hare to the rest of his fellow Deputye Leiutenants.

My Noble Frends,

Vpon saturday last I receyued letters from the Right Ho^ble^ our Lo^s^ Leiut^s^ the true coppye wherof and all other directions therwith I hereinclosed send you. For my owne part I shalbe readye at any time to giue a meetinge about this busines, or to ioyne with my neerest assotiate as you shall direct. I receyued with ye foresayd letter a pticular letter to my self from my Lo: Matrauers, Comandinge me to open the sayd letters directed to vs all and to acquaint you with the same, all w^ch^, and all other seruices I shalbe euer readye to performe, and euer rest Yo^rs^ to Comand, John Hare.

Stowhall,
the 22th of May, 1637.

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A letter from the Lo^s of the Counsell to the Lo^s Leiutenants of Norff.

After our verye hartye Comendations to yor Lo^pps, We haue heerin sent your Lo^pps a Coppye of an order and Warrant of assistance granted by this Board for the better execution of an act of Sewers made at Kings Lynn the 13th of January in ye sixt yeare of his Maties Raigne, and confirmed by his Maties letters Pattents for the drayninge of the great leuell of Marish fennye and Surrounded grounds lyinge within the Limitts of the Comissions of Sewers for the Counties of Norff, Suff, Northampton, Lincolne, Cambridg, Huntington, and the Isle of Elye: prayinge your Lo^pps to cause yor Dep: Leiuten^ts to assist in the due execution of the sayd decree as there shalbe occasion, and y^t your Lordshipps wilbe pleased by all meanes to countenance the cause, beinge a matter of great importance and consequence. And soe we bidd yor Lo^ps verye hartelye farewell. From Whit Hall, the 10th of May, 1637.—Yo^r Lo^pps verye louinge ffrends, W. Cant, Tho: Couentry C.S., Hamilton, Lo: Threasurer, Lo: Chamberlane, Lo: Priuye Seale, Secretary Cooke, Secret. Windebank.

This is a true Coppye of the letter from the Lo^s of ye Counsell.—H. Matrauers.

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The Coppye of an Order made and entred in the Register of Counsell Causes.

Att the Inn) Starr Chamber the 10th of May, 1637, were present

Lo: Arch Bish: of Cant.	Lo: Cottington
Lo: Keeper	Lo: Newburgh
Lo: Thresurer	M Threasurer
Lo: Priuy Seale	Mr Controller
Earle Marshall	Mr Vice Chamberlaine
Lo: Chamberlayne	Mr Secr: Cooke
Eare of Dorsett	Mr Secr: Windebanke

Wheras it hath pleased his Maiestye by his letters patents dated the 26th of Julye, 1631, to giue his Royall assent and approbation to an act of Sewers made at Kings Lynn the

13th of Janu: in the sixt yeare of his Maties Raigne for the drayneinge of the great leuell of Marish ffennye and surrounded grounds lyinge within the lymitts of the Comission of Sewers for ye Counties of Northampton, Lyncolne, Norff, Suff, Cambridge, Huntington, and the Isle of Elye: and in the same letters Patents did furthermore signifie his gratious pleasure, that that greate busines of importance should be ordered by
Page 177. the Counsell Board as a matter of State, not to be impeached. Forasmuch as a Warrant of Assistance was formerlye granted by this Board in July, 1631, for the due and full execution of the sayd Act of Sewers, to which there hath not ben that conformitye and obedience as is requisite, and as his Matie by his sayd letters Patents required, and the Board vpon their sayd warrant and order expected. Their Loppe haue thervpon thought good heerby once more to notefie and declare vnto all those whom it may concerne, that they are still resolued to maynetayne the foresayd act of Sewers, without suffringe any alteration. And if any person or persons shall presume to stopp or hinder the prosecution and execution of the same in such manner as it is assented vnto, and approued by his Matie, Their Loppe will proceed against him or them by the authoritye of this Board for his or their contempt or opposition, in such sort as others may be deterred from Comittinge ye like offence. And their Loppe doe furthermore require and Comand in his Maties name all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bayliffs, Constables and other his Maties officers and louinge Subiects whom it may concerne to be ayding and assistinge with their best diligence and endeauours to all those yt shall haue charge and Comission for the due execution of the aforesayd Act of Sewers, with the dependances therof: and likewise from time to time to binde ouer all such persons as shalbe found any way disobedient heervnto with suffitient suerties to appeare before this Board to answere their contempt in that behalf. And finallye it is ordered that in testimony and assurance heereof this declaration and Order shalbe entred as an act of Councell in the Register of Councell causes.—Concordat cum Registro, Edw: Nicholas.

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A letter from the Lords of the Counsell to Sr Tho: Deereham and Sr John Hare Knts, to binde ouer such as resist the worke in the ffenns.

After our hartye Comendations, Wheras an Act of Sewers made at Kings Lynn the 13th of Janu: in ye vjt yeare of his Maties raigne, for the drayneinge of the greate leuell of Marish ffennye and Surrounded grounds lyinge within ye limitts of ye Countyes of Northampton, Lincolne, Norff, Suff, Cambridge, Huntington, and the Isle of Elye, hath ben not onlye approued by his Maties letters Patents bearinge date the 26 of Julye, 1631, but alsoe ratified and Comanded to be executed by seuerall Orders of this board, the one in Julye, 1631, and another latelye the 10th of this instant May wherby genall Comand hath ben giuen in his Maties name to all his Maties officers and Ministers to be aydinge and assistinge in ye due execution of the foresayd Act of Sewers, and from time to time to binde ouer all such persons as shalbe disobedient thervnto wth Suerties to appeare at the Board to answere their Contempt in that behalfe. Forasmuch as we are credably informed that (notwthstandinge the sayd manye orders and directions) ther hath ben latelye some tumults raysed and force vsed in some parts of Norff. in opposition to ye said Act of Sewers and in Contempt of his Maties sayd letters Pattents and the Orders of this Board concerninge the sayd drayned lands. Wee are therfore by his Maties espetiall Comand heerby particularlye to require and charge you who are Justices of Peace neere adioyninge to the places where those Comotions late haue ben in yt Countye to imploy yor authoritye with your best care and industry to suppress by all lawfull meanes the tumults and force, wch vpon occasion of the sayd drayned lands are or shalbe vpon that side of the Countye of Norff. And to yt purpose his Maties Comand is that you putt in execution the Statute of Northampton, and yt you imprison some of the offendors, and imediatlye bind ouer the most refractorye and best able amongst them to attend this Board to answere such their Contempt and

insolencyes, prouiding by the best and most effectuall meanes you can vse to quiett the Countrye, and to render the sayd persons to better obedience, wherof his Maiestye and this Board will expect from you a speedy and exact account. And soe we bidd you ffarewell. From White Hall, the last of May, 1637.—Yo^r louinge ffrends, Will: Cant, Tho: Couentry C.S., Guil: London, H. Manchester, Dorsett, Fra: Cottington, H. Vane, J. Cooke, Fran: Windebanke, Edw: Nicholas.

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Norff.

Concerninge the Saltpeter men.

Whearas it appeared vnto this Court by the many complaints of the great inquest and of others, that the whole Countye is much oppressed wth indirect practises of the Saltpetermen, workinge in seuall places in ye Countye, aswell by charginge the Countye with farr more carriages then is needfull, causinge them to attend from farr remote places, wheras att their cominge accordinge to their warrants there is noe liquor stuff or other like materialls to loade them withall; and alsoe by takinge seuerall Sums of monye of diuers men for the discharginge of their Cartes formlye charged by their warrants, whereby other townes within this County are oftener charged to attend there, then of right they ought, and that some Cheif Constables doe charge some townes and excuse others in their Hundred at their pleasure. It is therfore ordered by this Court that from henceforth noe composition or priuate payment of monye be giuen by any Towne within this Countye to any of the sayd Saltpetermen, but that such townes as shalbe charged by warrants to find carts for his Maties seruice in this kinde be dulye and suffitientlye sent to ye place at ye time appointed, and that ye charge therof be equallye borne and rated out of the Hundred for the full satisfyinge of the townes soe charged in their seuall Hundreds ouer and besides the price of six pence the mile allowed in ye Comission to be payd by the Saltpeetermen for ye Carts and Cariages soe by them prouided: and if at the time of the cominge of the carts to the place appointed there be not suffitient to imploy all the Carts soe

appointed to attend; that then the Hundred doe likewise beare the charges of all such carts and carriages as are or shalbe appointed to attend, by equall Rates to be made within y^t^ Hundred: and y^t^ the Cheif Constables of eũye Hundred giue an account of eũye Quarter Sessions what carriages haue ben imployed in that seruice within their Hundred, and vpon complaint made to anye of his Maties Justices of Peace of this County wherby it shall appeare and be proued that more carts are brought by the practise of the Saltpeetermen to the place appointed by their warrants then there shalbe cause to vse, or that they be charged or called beyond twelue miles limited in the sayd Comission that then eyther the sayd Saltpetermen doe pay the full charges of those Carts and carriages soe called for by their warrants and not stuff there readye to loade them, or in default therof the sayd Justices to bind the sayd Saltpeetermen or their Deputies soe offendinge by recognizance to appeare at ye next generall Sessions of the Peace to be holden in this Countye, there to answere their sayd misdemenors and abuse of the Countrye, and to abide such order as the sayd Court of Sessions shall make therin. And it is further ordered in regard of the gen̄all complaint of the Countye and the great greuance by them sustayned, that if any for the due execution of the contents of this Order and for the furtherance of his Maties seruice heerein, shalbe drawne to anye expence or trauell that then the charge therof shalbe borne gen̄lly by the Countye.

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Oct. 17,
1660.

Thomas Earle of Southampton, Baron of Titchfeilds, Lord high Treas. of England, of the moste noble order of the Garter knt. one of his Maties moste honorable priuy Counsell and Lord Leiut of the Counties of Southampton and Norfolk.

To John Spelman, Esq. Captaine.

By vertue of the power and Authority vnto me giuen by his Maties Letters patente bearing date the xxiiij^th day of September in the twelfth yeare of his Maties Raigne I doe Constitute and appoint you the said John Spelman . . . . . and you are hereby Constituted and appointed Captaine of one Company of the trained band souldiers raised or to be Raised in the County of Norfolk in the Regiment of Sr John Rolland Bar. . . . . willing and Comanding all inferior officers and souldiers of the said Company, respectiuely to obey you as their Captaine, according to this your Comission, and you yourself alsoe are to obserue and folowe all such orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receiue from me or in my absence from any two or more of my Deputy Leiu^ts or any other your Superior officers according to the disciplyne of warr: And in all things else you are to gouerne yourselfe as vnto the duty and place of a Captaine of a foot Company of eight belongeth, giuen vnder my hand and seale at Essex house, the Seuenteenth day of october, 1660, in the twelfth yeare of his Maties Raigne.—Southampton.

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After our Hearty Comendations,

Wee having lately received letters from ye Right Lord high Treasurer of England and Lord Leiutenant of this County requiring us speedely to returne to his lopp and ye Counsell Board a perfect Muster Roll of all the forces within this County as well horse as foote. These are therefore to pray and require you that you forthwith take an exact veiw of the Company under your Comand and that you returne to vs upon Tewsday the second day of Aprill at the Grand Jury Chamber at the Castle of Norwich, by tenn of the Clock in forenoone a perfect list or Muster Roll of the names of the souldiers of your Compaine and of their seuerall Armes as well Defensiue As offensiue togeather with the names of your Superiour Officers. And we lykewise desire you at the same time and place to returne to vs in wryting an account of your hundreds frome where by whome and in what readyness kept or if . . . . . either in part or in whole by whome and when soe . . . . . and that you doe alsoe returne to vs the names of such as shall make defaults either by not appearing with such armes as they stand Charged or by appearing with unserviceable or defectiue armes att your Musters. And soe not doubting of your carefull performance heerof we bid you heartely farewell and Remaine Your very assured ffrends, J. Holland, John Knyvitt, Ralfe Hare.

For Captaine John Spelman.

Thetford,
5^t^ March, 1660.

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